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The Saturday Night Call to Prayer

The Baptist papers of the south have given the finest cooperation in publishing the plea calling the Baptists of the south to specially pray on Saturday night for the services in their churches on the following Lord's Day. Many of the editors have supplemented with editorial support. Dr. T. L. Holcomb has written many strongly endorsing the idea and is urging the cooperation of the Sunday School Board workers in this effort. Letters have come from several states from individuals who have read about it in the Baptist papers. These letters indicate that this plea has gripped the hearts of many of our people. Surely it will be easy to enlist tens of thousands of our Baptist people to give themselves to special prayer on Saturday night in behalf of the worship, teaching and preaching in their churches on the following day.

In Meridian we have pledged many hundreds of our people to do this. First, we had them commit themselves by standing to their feet in the congregation in response to the plea. We have continued to remind them of it. We have had printed the following bookmarks:

Saturday Night Prayer Covenant

That my country may be blest, the saved revived, and the lost saved, I hereby covenant with others in my church and tens of thousands in the Baptist churches of our Southland to pray each Saturday night for the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit to enlarge the attendance at the services of my church the next day, and to make effective the witness of the word as it is taught and preached.

Signed _____

Date _____

Beginning March 28 we are persuading our people to sign them and take them and put them in their Bibles to remind them of their vow. These bookmarks can either be printed or mimeographed and each church can easily provide itself with them.

If this effort persists to a fruitful conclusion we must continue for some time to give it active support.—Norman W. Cox.

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The Physician Tells the Atheist

Below we reproduce letters exchanged between Robert Ingersoll, the prominent atheist of his time, and Dr. James Buckley, an eminent physician of that period. Ingersoll sent the good doctor a package, and with it this letter:

"Dear Buckley: I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove the skeleton from the feast or painted landscapes in the brain of man. It is the mingled soul of wheat and corn. In it you will find the sunshine and shadow that chased each other over billowy fields, the breath of June, the carol of the lark, the dew of the night, the wealth of summer and autumn, rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it and you will feel within your blood the starred dawns, the dreamy, tawny dusks of perfect days. For 40 years this liquid joy has been confined within staves of oak, longing to touch the lips of man."

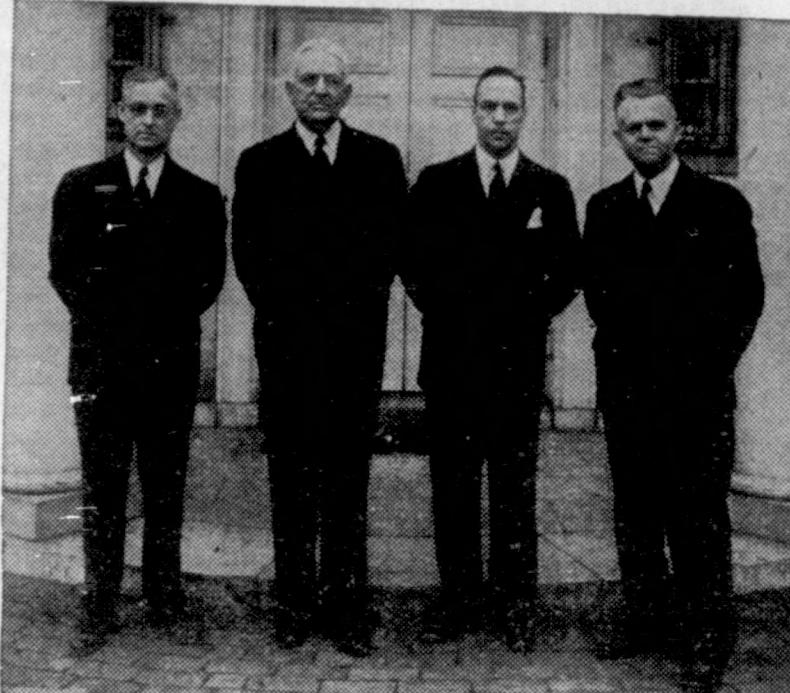
The letter was signed, "Your friend, Robert G. Ingersoll."

Dr. Buckley acknowledged his friend's offering as follows:

"My dear Bob: I return to you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet or painted scenes of lust and blood—

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Above, from left to right: Dr. Denna Frank Fleming, Dr. Charles W. Daniel, Dr. George A. Buttrick, and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller.

Southern Seminary Conference Featured Outstanding Speakers

A world-famous minister, the president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a university professor were the feature speakers at the annual Pastors' Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, March 15-19.

Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, spoke on "What is the Gospel?" He defined the gospel as a fact of history, not an opinion or a philosophy. "Christianity," he said, is "something greater than life, greater than death, stronger in healing love than the destroying power of war, stronger in grace than the double power of sin. God, the very God, has come into the world in Christ." In his address, "Power—and the Man," he stated, "When a man speaks truth, the whole universe—the stars in their courses and the movement of an unseen spirit—fight with him, and he must prevail...."

Dr. Buttrick's first two lectures will be carried in forthcoming issues of *The Review and Expositor*, theological quarterly of Southern Baptists.

The Norton Foundation lectures were delivered by Dr. Denna Frank Fleming, professor of political science in Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Discussions were held by the WSM commentator on "The Present Crisis and Post-War Planning in the

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McCall and Middleton Are Mississippi College Commencement Speakers

Commencement speakers have been announced by President D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College. On Sunday morning, May 23rd, the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Clinton Baptist Church by Dr. Duke K. McCall, the new president of B. B. I. A sacred concert will be given Sunday night by the music students.

Monday, May 24th, is commencement day and various contests will be held during the day. Graduating exercises will be held late in the afternoon with Rev. James W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta as speaker. A more complete announcement will be made later.

Baptist Liberty: How the Editors Can Help Safeguard It

By P. I. Lipsey, Clinton, Mississippi

(Address delivered at the Southern Baptist Press Association, New Orleans, La., Feb. 3-4, 1943.)

A Baptist is not content for liberty for himself alone, nor for any group or class. The freedom which we advocate is for those who differ from us equally with those who agree with us, the same in kind and degree. "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," is our slogan.

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Freedom is primarily a matter of the soul. It deals with or concerns the spirit of the man, and works its way out through the mind and body. Religious liberty is the source of all other liberty. "If the Son shall make you free, then are ye free indeed." And if soul liberty is lacking or kept in restraint, it is impossible for men's minds to be free, and their bodily freedom is endangered or uncertain.

This liberty of the spirit comes of direct knowledge of and contact with God. The soul that God touches is awakened and is set in motion. Its activities are bound to be free; they cannot continue indefinitely when restraints are put upon them from without.

If there is ecclesiastical tyranny exercised over the souls of men, they cannot have normal growth. There have been whole nations so held in moral and spiritual infancy, not to say idiocy.

There can be no real freedom when there is not direct contact with God. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and man, himself man Christ Jesus." Any interference with this brings arrested development, or it brings rebellion, revolution, and the declaration of independence.

"And call no man your father on the earth, for one is your father, even he who is in heaven. And neither be ye called masters, for one is your Master, even the Christ." If this precept had been heeded, it would have freed us from many a folly.

Let there be no misunderstanding about this source of freedom. It comes from being born again, born of God. If all people had adhered to the New Testament teaching of the new birth as necessary

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A Study of Baptist Hospitals

By Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans

Southern Baptists have every reason to be proud of their Hospitals. In the Sunday schools on Mother's Day the study will emphasize the ministry of healing. The Journal of the American Medical Association in a recent issue published official figures for all standard hospitals in the United States, and the showing made by Baptist Hospitals in the South should be gratifying.

In the following paragraphs reference is made only to non-government hospitals. It will be seen that Baptist Hospitals stand in the forefront of privately-owned houses of healing.

The five hospitals leading in number of patients in 1942 were: (1) Southern Baptist, New Orleans, with 16,954 admissions; (2) Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, 16,867 admissions; (3) Baptist Memorial, Memphis, 15,434 admissions; (4) St. Joseph's, Houston, 15,398 admissions; and Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, 13,465 admissions. In this list are two Baptist, one Catholic, one Jewish and one non-denominational.

The five leading church-owned hospitals in the

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Sparks and Splinters

Pastor C. E. Snowden provides a fine list for the Mt. Nebo church, Little Rock, Miss., Newton county, on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Weir had some good preaching by I. F. Metts, pastor of Northside, Jackson; in the crusade revival. Four were added to the church and a good spirit prevailed. The pastor's home has been repaired and painted. We had good meetings at New Zion with J. P. Bush of Yazoo City preaching, and at Beulah with B. D. Hardin, pastor at Sunflower, as visiting preacher. Beulah has adopted the unified budget and we plan to have the EVERY FAMILY Plan for The Baptist Record included.—John B. Laney, pastor.

Pastor W. C. Stewart of Houston was the visiting minister in the Crusade revival at West End church in West Point, bringing messages that were greatly appreciated. There were six added to the church, five for baptism, and the church was greatly helped. Adding much to the services were D. M. Booth, Mrs. C. T. Hancock and Mrs. W. E. Simmons of First Baptist Church, who helped with the music. A new piano, recently purchased by the church, was used during the meeting. Plans are under way for another revival probably in August, with T. J. Smith, a Mississippian, pastor of the Winnwood church in Kansas City, Mo., being sought as the visiting preacher.—Berton McGee, pastor.

Crystal Springs: During the first three Sundays of the pastorate of Pastor Joe T. Odle there have been thirteen additions.—Reporter.

Shady Oak, Bolivar county: In sending payment for the EVERY FAMILY Plan for the month of April, Rev. Charlie L. Sandifer writes, "Our work is progressing in a fine way. Attendance at all services has greatly increased this quarter over last. We have been able to meet all of our financial obligations this quarter better than ever before. All the credit belongs to God."

The privilege of preaching at the Mel Trotter Mission in Grand Rapids, Mich., is described by Chaplain Willis Brown, who finds a large group of Christians in that section who believe in the Bible and are evangelistic in effort. Most of all, Chaplain Brown enjoys the personal soul winning opportunities he has in the army. He tells of the definite trend toward seeking God on the part of the enlisted men and officers.

McCool church had Lowrey Compere, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian, with them in their revival. He spoke three times daily. There were five additions to the church and five other professions of faith. McCool adopted the unified budget with 15% going to the Cooperative Program and 85% for local uses. We hope to have The Baptist Record included in the literature expense.—John B. Laney.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, will preach during the month of May in Temple Baptist Church, 5th and Olive streets, Los Angeles, California. All friends visiting California during that time are invited to these services.

They Look to Us: Writing from Chengchow, China, Miss Katie Murray gives us this tragic picture: "Men, women and children are dying of starvation. If it were not for your gifts many more would die. Our hearts are torn as we hear that such and such a sister or brother has not lighted a fire to cook for days. Many eat leaves and bark from trees. Some days ago a man from Mihsien, along with many others, was turned out of refugee camp for lack of funds. A letter came yesterday saying that he had died of starvation and it seemed his wife and children would also starve. You will be glad to know that some of your Baptist relief money has gone to the Mihsien church for distribution, and we trust this mother and her children may be kept alive."

"Arthritis is not confined to humans. Bears also suffer from it." Yes, but if one gets after us, we aren't going to count too heavily on its having arthritis.—Glad Tidings.

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Investigate Blue Mountain College Annuity Bonds.

The Bethlehem church in Choctaw Association secured Pastor Jodie Moore of Dossville to lead in a good revival. The meeting strengthened the church and one was added by baptism.—Reporter.

Glowing reports of the fine revival at the Leland church have been heard. E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of the South Main church in Houston, Tex., was the preacher, and B. B. McKinney of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., had charge of the music. There were 32 additions, half of these being on profession of faith. Large crowds participated in the morning and evening services.

Bethesda church in Jefferson county enjoyed a good revival under the preaching of Berton McGee of West Point. Harry Hannah is pastor. Good crowds and fine interest was maintained, despite bad weather.

In Montgomery county there is an interesting family in which five generations are represented, all but one being Baptists. T. L. Mitchell, 86, of Duck Hill; Mrs. D. F. Dalton, 60, of Alva; Mrs. R. L. Cooke, 41, of Lodi; Mrs. E. B. Gentry, 22, of Lodi, and Robert Gentry, four months of age make up the group. The baby's father has never seen his little son, since he is away in the service of the country.

Pastor Chester Quarles and his family received a delightful surprise recently when friends in the Leland church presented them with a new Ford Super Deluxe automobile.

Mrs. Willis Brown, wife of Chaplain Willis Brown of the Technical Army Air Force school in Grand Rapids, Mich., is finding service to do there as well as at home when she was Miss Ruby Taylor, the elementary worker in the State Sunday School Department. She has organized a weekly Bible class for children in their vicinity, and a cradle roll for the children of officers and enlisted men.

Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., was the speaker at the recent pastors-deacons' banquet at Leland, making a profound impression on the group of 125 men in attendance. Pastor Chester Quarles was toastmaster. Dr. Hill also spoke at the Rotary Club while in Leland.

"The Fine Art of Soul Winning" was the book used as a basis for a recent study course at Sturgis Baptist Church. About 15 took the course. Berton McGee, pastor of West End, West Point, was the teacher. A. H. Childress of Longview is pastor.

NEWTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, please take notice. R. G. LeTourneau will speak April 13th at 8:00 p. m. at the gymnasium of the College in Decatur to the Newton County Baptist Association. Bring your Christian friends and come.—C. B. Hamlett, III, moderator.

The Taylor Evangelistic party, consisting of Rev. Charles Taylor, Dr. Charles Forbes Taylor, and Laurie Forbes Taylor, has just concluded a three weeks' spiritual Victory Crusade in First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor. There were 110 additions to First church, and a goodly number joining other churches, with many rededications. Capacity crowds attended every service.

From Union church, R. L. Stevens, clerk, forwards a good list which covers practically all the families in the church there, with more to come in a few days.

Lem Sales, new pastor of Eddiceton church, has recently come to Mississippi College from Mars Hill College in North Carolina. He has started off with a progressive leadership in that his church has already come into the group of those adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Pastor N. H. Roberts has sent in a list covering the resident families for the McCarley church in Carroll county.

The members of the Rock Hill church in Lauderdale county are to receive The Baptist Record through their pastor, L. T. Dyess. At this time all the churches he serves are receiving their state paper, on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

The Beat Line church, Neshoba county, will join the EVERY FAMILY group through the interest of their pastor, Glenwood Taylor, Route 6, Philadelphia. Oak Grove church also provides The Baptist Record for each family. J. D. Hardy sent in the list for Beat Line church.

Hazlehurst: The Woman's Missionary Society offering for Home Missions was more than \$200.00.

Rev. M. C. Waldrup, of Lyon, field missionary for the Baptist Riverside Association, has resigned his position to accept a commission as chaplain in the army. He has been serving in Tunica, Quitman and Coahoma counties.

First church, Shreveport, celebrated the 31st anniversary and the beginning of the 32nd year of their pastor, Dr. M. E. Dodd on Sunday, April 4. During these 31 years, 7,746 members have joined the church and \$3,165,387.92 has been raised for all purposes. During this time, also, twelve other Baptist churches have been organized in the city, largely from First church.

Among the recent visitors to The Baptist Record were: Olive Richardson, Jackson; Edna Barnett, Jackson; B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Blanding S. Vaughan, Meridian; E. D. Estes, Ackerman; M. E. Perry, Hattiesburg; J. Niles Puckett, Brooksville; R. W. Porter, Lambert; T. R. Clark, Clinton; Chester M. Quarles, Leland.

We closed our Crusade revival with seventeen additions, nine of them for baptism. Rev. J. Edwin Hewlett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky., preached. Bro. Hewlett is a Mississippian, reared in Greenwood, and a graduate of Mississippi College. We had a gracious revival with more than a hundred rededicating themselves to the service of God. Bro. Hewlett preached the Bible plan of supporting the church, and seven deacons and twenty-two others have pledged themselves to tithe. The church set a goal of 100 tithers in the very near future. One service was held in the N. Y. A. War Work Training Center, near here, and about forty young men and women accepted Christ as their Saviour.—Otho A. Eure, pastor.

Kosciusko First church in the Crusade revival had D. A. McCall as evangelist and L. C. Alexander of Memphis as director of music. The Lord used this fine team and brought many blessings to the church and town. There were 27 on profession of faith and five by letter in the meeting. The special services have closed but the revival spirit is still going strong.—Rowe C. Holcomb, pastor.

On March 28, offerings at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson were listed as follows: Current expense, \$346.74; building fund, \$364.53, and mission fund, \$357.81.

According to reports sent in by Pastor Rowe C. Holcomb of Kosciusko, there were sixteen churches cooperating in the Crusade in their association.

The New Albany church for March paid out \$1,041.54 for local expenses, and at the same time sent \$738.60 to outside causes, as shown in their church bulletin. Pastor A. B. Pierce is happy over the growing interest there.

Lt. Hansford L. Simmons, Jr., 23, an army aviation instructor, was killed recently in a crash of a training plane on a flight from the army basic flight field near Garden City, Kansas. The father of Lt. Simmons, Hansford L. Simmons, of McComb, is a prominent Baptist leader.

Most of our readers know but for any who do not we call attention to an error on page 16 of last week's Baptist Record. The article entitled "Starkville Victory Crusade" was signed J. B. Ray, pastor. It should have been J. D. Ray. Rev. J. D. Ray has been the beloved pastor in Starkville for many years and the love of his people seems to increase in geometrical progression.

Dr. I. L. Yearby, for eleven years pastor of the First Baptist Church of El Paso, Texas, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. During his eleven years' pastorate at El Paso the church debt of \$131,000 was paid in full. There were 51 additions during the last three Sundays of Dr. Yearby's pastorate.

The ladies are helping in spreading the idea for the EVERY FAMILY Plan among the churches. Mrs. Percy H. Clark sends in an excellent list from the Brewer church, Richton, Miss.

Antioch church has called Paul Z. Ball of Ovett as pastor. One of the first things he did was to send an additional sixteen names completing the EVERY FAMILY list for the church.

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Will Blue Mountain College appear in your Will?

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NEWS and VIEWS

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By D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,
Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b**"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.**

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Mississippi Baptists Have Done It Again!

Mississippi Baptists wrote in Love and Loyalty to all Causes of Christ large gains this March over March of one year ago.

Cooperative Program gains continue large. Now Club contributions continue on the upgrade also. The comparison follows:

	Cooperative Program	Now Club	Miscel.	& 5M Club	Total
1943—	\$25,159.91	\$29,238.80	\$10,480.59	\$64,879.33	
1942—	March 12,350.25	15,940.41	7,505.69	35,796.35	
	GAIN \$12,809.69	\$13,298.39	\$ 2,974.90	\$29,082.98	

The shadow of the Cross is upon it. The Blood of Christ is in it. Love for Christ is back of it. More people will hear of Christ because of it.

II

It was a joy to us to be back at Kosciusko for a third revival. Pastor Rowe C. Holcomb enjoys the love of his people. This church has some strong lay leadership—men, women and young people.

Twenty-six persons walked the aisles for Christ, all but four on profession of faith.

This was our seventh and last Crusade meeting.

Brother Alexander, Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, delighted all hearts in his ministry of song. In fact, we had good singing all along. Pastor Pennebaker, Sumner, led at Sunflower and did fine work with the Juniors. Pastor Siler led at Arcola. Brother Troy Prince led the singing at Oakdale. Dr. Greene led at Ellisville. Brother Prince led at Petal. Brother Tom Doty and Mrs. Mary Johnston Dossett led at Lucedale. All presided in fine spirit in this part of the service. Doxology!

Brother Pennebaker and the writer were entertained in the home of Mrs. Norris at Sunflower. We enjoyed the comfortable stay there, and in the home of Dr. J. W. Bailey at Kosciusko.

III

Encouraging reports still come to the office from the different churches in the Soul Winning Crusade.

Brother W. C. Kitchens, Yellow Creek, in Winston, is encouraged over their meeting. There were four for baptism and sixteen reconsecrations.

Pastor James B. Roberts, Beaver Dam, Smith county, writes that they expect much fruit as a result of their meeting, though they had bad weather and the crowds were small.

From Lula church, Pastor J. E. Kinsey, comes the enthusiastic report about plans for their meeting with Dr. Bracy Campbell as visiting preacher. Their meeting begins April 11th.

Pastor D. B. Jones, New Ireland in Newton county, writes about their meeting as follows: "Foundation laid for Sunday-by-Sunday revival. Attendance and interest since revival has been splendid. God richly blessed us during our meeting."

Rev. Roy M. Lewis, Chalybeate Baptist Church,

writes that they had a splendid revival with Pastor J. H. Street doing the preaching. The morning services were held in the high school auditorium and much interest manifested by the young people.

Dr. J. G. Chastain, Lexington, sends in a splendid report of their meeting at Lexington. Plans were made before his son, Judson Chastain, pastor of Lexington Baptist Church, entered the chaplaincy. Said he, "We are all happy over the results of the meeting and pronounce it a success."

Rev. J. P. Bush sends in splendid notations about the meetings in his churches, Mizpah and Concord. There were thirteen additions to the churches, eight of these professions of faith.

Brother Bush also sends in a fine report from Short Creek meeting. To this church there were seven additions, six coming on profession of faith.

From Jones Bayou Baptist Church, Rev. Earl George, pastor, comes an interesting letter stating that the Crusade revival is going to mean much to the life of the church; already interest has increased in the work. He writes that the people are interested in tithing. Brother George asks the prayers of Mississippi Baptists for his work.

IV

On another page we list the 200 Mississippi Baptist Churches leading in total contributions to all causes of Christ in 1942 beyond the local church, and through this office. To our thinking this is a most important story in love and loyalty to ALL the work of Christ.

V

The associations in the Soul Winning Crusade next week are: Alcorn, Benton, DeSoto, Marshall, Tishomingo and Tippah. Let us pray earnestly for their efforts in this work.

The greatest winter-time soul winning program in all Mississippi history ends officially next week. However, the blessings of God are running too strongly for the spiritual fruitage and effort to end, ever.

VI

Mr. C. Aubrey Hearn of the Sunday School Board has given us a greatly needed treatment of the alcohol question in the new volume "Alcohol the Destroyer."

He dedicates this book to his "father and mother who taught by example." What a goodly heritage!

The Training Union gives credit for the study of this volume. Plan to use it in your church.

Priced at 40c and 60c.

VII

Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, outstanding Christian layman, works about his industries all day, and then drives 50-100-150 miles to fill speaking engagements in the evening.

As time permits he is available for church, school, and community engagements within a radius of 100-150 miles of Vicksburg.

The evening he handed us a \$2500 check for God's Storehouse promotion, we had been to Canton where he spoke to a large audience, despite threatening weather.

In one of his illustrations he told how certain machines required 500 horse power working full time in doing certain work, whereas, his machine used only 200 horsepower for only one-sixth of the time. He said this was done by removing friction. Mr. LeTourneau then made spiritual application. He insisted that much more would be accomplished in the name of Christ if friction between man and God, man and man, in church, community, and, national relationships were removed.

That emphasis is in line with John 15; John

13:24-30; Romans 2:1; Galatians 5:17-26, and I John 3.

VIII

If Baptists take seriously the suggestion coming out of the Soul Winning Crusade efforts at Meridian, and really make Saturday night an evening of prayer it will—

Turn a night used largely by Satan into a blessed evening—

Prepare the hearts of hearers for the word on Sunday—

Fire many preachers in the delivery of God's message on Sunday—

Fit teachers and leaders for rendering spiritual service on Sunday—

Turn the lost to Christ and strengthen the saved—

Help a revival to break out in our midst—Cause rejoicing in heaven as on earth.

According to some who were there, Dr. W. F. Powell, Nashville, who made the suggestion, stated he believed it came from God. God is in that business.

Dr. Cox has emphasized it in a fine way.

Baptists should unite in this call to Prayer on each Saturday evening.

IX

It will be a great mistake for us to allow the work of our Brotherhoods to be weakened.

If our Christian men were lined up in the work of Christ, the King's business would grow by leaps and bounds.

There is every reason for our Baptist men being organized as there is for our Baptist women being organized. We think there may be more reason for the men being organized.

Possibly some thought at the start a W. M. U. work would retard Sunday school growth. It certainly has not. A properly organized and functioning Brotherhood will not interfere with, but rather forward all the organization work of the church, therefore the church itself.

Our God is still looking for men!

X

We always prosper most when we do God's work God's way!

Consider the order in I Cor. 3:5-8: "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

Paul says he "planted," Apollos "watered," God "gave the increase."

Is it not true that many of us have been trying to take care of the "increase," trusting God, or someone else to do the planting and watering?

Churches have reversed the order! The denomination has reversed the order at times! Consequently the "increase" has been sadly lacking.

We are not so much concerned about the Enlistment Pastors, for instance, racing about over the state making collections, taking "offerings."

We are greatly concerned over them doing much planting, much watering, much sowing. We have the word of God that He gives the "increase." Matthew 13 tells us what to sow! Matthew 16:18 tells us what to build! See also Ephesians 2:19-22.

Maybe, we need to stop thinking of ourselves, "building up" self, and work more at the above!

Pastors and laymen may greatly help the Enlistment Pastor in this work. The Enlistment Pastor is to help the pastor and church for Jesus' sake!

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Collinsville: We recently elected the following brethren to be ordained as deacons: Walker Rice, Lee Miles, Earl Winstead and Emmett Weatherford. The ordination services are to be conducted by the Rev. G. E. Holsomback and the pastor on Sunday, April 25. I might add that in recent months this good church has more than doubled its contributions.—R. H. Fitzgerald, pastor.

Mayhew: Pastor R. L. Ray, Jr., did the preaching in our Crusade revival. It was a splendid meeting. The people enjoy reading the Record.—Reporter.

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OUR REPRESENTATIVES SAY

As one of multitudes of people who have been writing to representatives in the nation's capital urging legislation against the liquor traffic, we are sharing with our readers replies already received from three of Mississippi's men in Washington.

Senator Jas. O. Eastland replied:

"I thoroughly concur in your observations and recommendations, and if you will recall my campaign speeches, you will remember that I took a very firm stand against liquor and liquor trafficking."

Senator Theo. G. Bilbo said:

"I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith copy of a speech which I made on the floor of the Senate in March of last year with reference to the prohibition of liquor traffic and vice near military camps. After you have read my speech, I would be pleased to have your comments on same."

Congressman Dan R. McGehee replied:

"I thank you for your letter of the 16th, expressing your interest in the passage of H. R. 1481."

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LET'S REMEMBER TO REMEMBER

In The Baptist Record of April 1 was published a list of our foreign missionaries who have birthdays in May.

We hope that many of our readers will place that list where it will constantly remind them to write birthday cards and letters to some of these, our own foreign missionaries.

Just as we appreciate being remembered, so do our missionaries.

Perhaps you have the same birthday as some of those listed. Why not send a card or a letter to those who have your birthday?

LET'S REMEMBER TO REMEMBER.

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WHY NOT A BAPTIST ALSO?

From a dispatch from Religious News Service we quote:

"CINCINNATI—Participation by the Pope in peace table negotiations after the war would have a salutary effect and influence on the deliberations of all nations involved, President Thomas J. Donnelly of John Carroll University, Cleveland, told alumni of Xavier University at Cincinnati.

"If the Holy See were invited and accepted an invitation to the peace table, President Donnelly said, the peace efforts would have a neutral, impartial, and just umpire, with an international viewpoint conducive to the best interests of all the world."

"The Pope," Father Donnelly declared, "is an absolute neutral.... If he accepts an invitation to the peace table, it will be as a result of concordant wishes of all parties and pursuant to well-

considered understanding of having the Holy See represented."

"Commenting that there was no mention of God in the Versailles Treaty, Father Donnelly said it might be well to have a more spiritual outlook embraced in negotiations after the present war."

The above statements are not supported by facts.

If the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church were to sit at the peace table, why not a representative of the Baptists, the Methodists, the Presbyterians, etc.? Are not these also interested in the peace? Why the discrimination? Regardless of any so-called infallibility of the Pope we think that Baptists as well as other denominations have among them those who are just as pious, consecrated, learned and intelligent.

Instead of having "a salutary effect and influence" it would create a commotion that would be heard throughout the world. The reasons for the discord would be the resentment felt by other Christian bodies because of the discrimination.

We doubt that the presence of the Pope would give "a neutral, impartial and just umpire...conducive to the best interests of all the world."

Is it not a fact that wherever the Catholics are in the majority the other denominations face persecution in various forms? A news note in The Baptist Record of March 18 told of the suppression of the Baptists in Rumania and of the confiscation of their church property.

Claiming to be in the majority in South America, the Catholics are demanding that the Protestants be shut out and that they (the Catholics) have that land for themselves without any competition from Baptists and others. A fuller discussion of this particular phase of the matter will be found on page one of the March 11 issue of The Baptist Record.

How the Pope's presence at the peace table would provide a neutral and just umpire is not apparent. We do recall that he lifted not a finger at the rape of Ethiopia by Mussolini. He was more than delighted to favor Franco (who would and has favored the Catholic church) in his destruction of Democratic government in Spain.

We agree that religious representation might have a helpful effect at the peace meeting but the Pope's presence to the exclusion of other denominations would not have such an effect.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

On another page will be found a list of the 200 largest giving churches in Mississippi for the year 1942.

Twenty of the first twenty-five churches named were EVERY FAMILY or 50% churches.

Of the second twenty-five, twenty were EVERY FAMILY churches.

The third twenty-five also contains the names of twenty EVERY FAMILY churches.

Twenty-two of the fourth twenty-five are EVERY FAMILY churches. And twenty-two of the fifth twenty-five are also EVERY FAMILY churches.

The sixth list of twenty-five churches carries the names of nineteen EVERY FAMILY churches.

Almost perfect (from the EVERY FAMILY standpoint) is the seventh list of twenty-five. Twenty-four are EVERY FAMILY churches.

Nineteen of the last twenty-five are EVERY FAMILY churches.

Of the 200 churches named, 166 are EVERY FAMILY or 50% churches.

The Baptist Record does help.

To those who say, "Look what we gave with only a few Record readers," we reply, "But you would probably have done better if you had the EVERY FAMILY Plan."

OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

LET'S STAY OUT OF DEBT

Joy over some of our Baptist boards becoming free of debts that have shackled them so long and the prospect of still others being free in the near future, seems somewhat dimmed by the lurking fear in the minds of some of our people that the denomination will soon forget the lessons of the past and plunge again into debt.

A question we hear quite often is, "Will our boards and our institutions stay out of debt?" Our answer, born of a deep conviction, is, "Yes. We will not again involve our people with debts. Southern Baptists have learned their lesson."

Staying out of debt, however, is not so easy a matter as it sounds. Business operates to a large measure on borrowed money. And business people influence, more than many of us realize, the policies of our boards and institutions.

Then when "times are good" and money is comparatively easy, with collections exceeding the budgets, it is the natural inclination to set up too ambitious programs. We are all enthusiastic in the work of evangelizing the world, and when times are propitious we are likely to overstep the line of reason. This condition has been the occasion of our past unhappy experiences.

With the lessons of the recent past in mind, we should guard against the mistakes. We might paraphrase the words of James, without violence to the scripture: "Faith without prudence is vain." We have heard brethren in board meetings, when budgets were being considered, urge with flaming, passionate words, "Brethren, let's have faith to step out on God's promises." Such brethren, of course, were advocating the adopting of budgets that the more conservative minded felt were too high. These conservative brethren had faith, too, but they had a quite different interpretation of that faith as applied to "stepping out on God's promises."

It is infinitely wiser to set budgets within the realm of reason, and then, as the ability and interest of our people increases, expand budgets or programs. To launch a too ambitious program and then be obliged to retreat, entailing debts and the loss of property, such as we did not so many years ago, is a sight sufficient to make angels weep.

We have experienced this sad spectacle in the recent past; let's not repeat this mistake.—Baptist Message.

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

CHRIST, THE ONLY HOPE OF THE WORLD

Rev. Joe Hudson
Bassfield, Miss.

Indeed the world would be darker than the blackest midnight, but for the ray of hope that penetrates the inky blackness and permeates the souls of men. Indeed, we do well to honor and pay tribute to our brave boys, who on distant shores and far-flung battle lines, fight for the liberty and justice to all that we so proudly cherish; yet, how much more do we need to give honor and praise to Him who has come to liberate the world from the bondage and shackles of sin.

It is now almost two millenniums since heaven displayed its brightest meteor, whose beacon light pointed the ancient Wise Men of the east to that village in the foothills of Judea, to a manger where lay the Christ Child, God's gift to the world, the babe, whose name should be called Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. "Tis this Saviour, this Prince of Peace, who alone is the hope of the world. And as our hearts are anxious, from day to day, with thoughts of what the morrow may (Continued on Page Five)

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Our Contributed Editorial
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bring, let us find joy and consolation in this hope. As we scan the pages of Holy Writ we are able to see that this Christ was the HOPE OF THE WORLD IN THE PROPHECY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. God's men of old pointed with faith and pride to this Saviour as the Passover Lamb, to be sacrificed for the redemption of the world from the slavery and oppression of sin. Isaiah, seven hundred years beforehand, prophesied His coming as the Prince of Peace.

The law and the prophets focused to form an index finger pointing to Him who should come to fulfill their prophecies. By faith the ancient men of God looked forward to the day when Heaven should bless the earth with its dearest possession.

Then as we continue to look, we find that CHRIST WAS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD IN HIS FIRST COMING. He was the King of humble birth, the Saviour born in an ox stall. Never have the ears of men been attuned to such melodious melodies as when the heavenly choir burst forth with its rare rapture of "Peace on earth, good will to men." Still today in the hearts of men who love and serve this majestic King can be found all that is necessary to having peace and good will among men.

Then as we peer still further we see Him as the HOPE OF THE WORLD IN HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY. John was the forerunner, the messenger to prepare the way for His entrance into earthly activity.

With the clarion sound of a bugle this wilderness preacher paves the way with his message of repentance. Hear him as he sounds the command, "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." His message then is the message needed now in a world that is broken and bleeding and being blasted. How God's servants today need to make the hills resound with this message of repentance. Yea, verily, Christ is the hope of the world in His earthly ministry. See Him as He gives encouragement to the faint hearted, new hope to the unfortunate, light to those who had never seen God's sunshine. To the sick and afflicted He became the source of health and strength. His message of truth was simple enough for the ordinary, yet it baffled the philosophers and wise men. His life's work is summed up in, "He went about doing good."

As the years of His brief ministry draw to a close we see Him once again as the only HOPE OF THE WORLD IN HIS CRUCIFIXION. Man's highest hopes and fondest expectations concerning redemption are centered around the Cross of Christ. Captured and led away to be mistreated at the hands of sinful men for sins which He did not commit, this Jesus, God's Son, submitted Himself to shame and torture to become our only hope of redemption. He became the supreme sacrifice that was offered up for the sins of a lost humanity. Hear Him as in words of loving kindness, He says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Wars may be fought to safeguard democracy, to rid the world of tyrants, to solve the social and economical problems of men; but Christ is still the only hope for the eternal salvation of mankind. The greatest message of hope for the world is the message of the Cross. That alone can bring peace and good will among men.

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During the recent Homecoming Week at B. B. I., Mr. Lawson Cooke, Southwide Brotherhood secretary, had this to say: "If we lose our churches while winning the war, it won't make much difference who wins the war." In the same address he continued, "The world is on fire and I don't believe God wants us to sit in the grandstand and watch it burn. He is calling for men; real men, strong men of Christian faith and courage. Never was there a time when such men were needed."—The Pilgrim.

Prof. R. Inman Johnson, head of the music department of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has accepted the post of music director of the Walnut Street church, Louisville, Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor. Professor Johnson will continue his work at the Seminary.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

April

Three Months Evangelistic Crusade continues.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Now Club (Mississippi Debts).
Vacation Bible Schools.
Christian Literature and Church Libraries.
Sunday School Training Courses.
Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers).
April 6-8 State W. M. U. Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson.
Check Subscription to Denominational Periodicals.
Youth Week.
Sunday School Training Courses.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.
Blue Mountain College Endowment.

EAST STARKVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
ORGANIZED

Climaxing six months of work and prayer by cotton mill employees, students at Mississippi State College, and some unselfish and untiring ministers, East Starkville Baptist Church was organized on Thursday night, March 18, with twenty-one charter members. It is located in the community surrounding the cotton mill. It is made up chiefly of people who were not being reached by the First church in Starkville.

Two students from Mississippi State College visited this community last September, looking for an opportunity for some sort of religious service for the people. By a strange coincidence—or by the divine plan of God—they found a few faithful servants of His already planning to organize a Sunday School, and notices to that effect already posted in the mill. On invitation of the people, the students returned and helped in the new organization. Later they led students from the Baptist Young People's Union in Starkville in organizing a Training Union in the community.

Berton McGee, pastor of the West End church of West Point, encouraged them in their ultimate goal of seeing a church established, preaching one Sunday each month, his church kindly releasing him for this service. He, more than anyone else, perhaps, is responsible for the actual success of the work.

The college students continued their work, one member of the Baptist Student Union attending services there each Sunday night, assisting in the Training Union. Late in January the B. S. U. took a religious census of the community.

In March, Rev. W. T. Darling, of Burnsville, held a two weeks' meeting. Despite bad weather, a real revival was experienced, at the close of which the church was organized.

Bro. McGee saw fit to give his full time to his church in West Point, which had so kindly loaned him for the past few months, and after seeing the church firmly established, he left the work, asking the Starkville church not to consider him for pastor. The church met in conference Sunday night, March 28, and adopted the name East Starkville Baptist Church, and called W. T. Darling as pastor. He held his first service as pastor Saturday night and Sunday, April 3 and 4.

Services of the church are now being held in the mill community house, but the members are looking forward to post-war days when they can build a house of their own for God.

In all the work of organization, Dr. J. D. Ray and the First Baptist Church of Starkville have been most cooperative. The new church wishes to thank all who have aided in any way their efforts to become established.

At the regular Associational B. T. U. meeting March 28, several members of the new East Starkville B. T. U. were present, and their Union was admitted to Oktibbeha Associational B. T. U.—John Carter, acting church clerk.

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Make a gift to Blue Mountain College Endowment.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects Service

THANK GOD

By Chaplain J. T. Barrett
(From Public Relations Office)

Near Miami Beach, Florida, where many of our pampered citizens go in the winter to escape the colder weather of northern climates, some tourists made complaint to the commanding officer of the air base that they were disturbing the citizens by the early morning singing of the troops.

The commanding officer, Colonel Ralph Parker, wrote an open letter in reply: "The singing will continue."

"Moreover, please arise at the first sound of military activity each morning and get down on your knees with all members of your household who are disturbed thereby and offer thanks to your Almighty God with me, and all the rest of us, that those are Americans singing American songs and not Germans or Japanese singing victory songs in American streets."

Yes, we can thank God for such commanding officers as this and for our soldiers who sing songs and offer thanks to God daily. We as civilians can thank God too that we are not awakened by the songs of invaders in our land, due to the protection of our own soldiers about us. Our peace-time existence may be greatly "disturbed" by the war and the army necessary to bring victory and peace again; but I am sure that loyal Americans even welcome so-called "disturbances" of their former routine living caused by the presence of large numbers of the armed forces among them, appreciative of the fact that the soldiers are taking their places at the front, and fighting that they might hereafter live free of "disturbances" of a graver sort.

It is a blessing indeed to have such fine cheerful soldiers who have the spirit to sing, whereas their lives have been much more than "disturbed" by the war.—Camp Shelby Reveille.

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WALTER OTT SURRENDERS TO PREACH

The Osyka church enjoyed a mountain top experience when Walter Hinton Ott, son of Gene Ott, and grandson of Walter Ott, recently made known his surrender to a call to enter the ministry. Young Ott is 16 years old, and a boy of unusual promise, greatly loved by the people of his home church. In an impressive service the congregation, from the pastor and deacons through all the membership, pledged him their wholehearted support and prayers. He plans to enter the Acadia Academy this fall, according to Pastor Thurman Booth, and begin training to fit him for an effective gospel ministry.

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FORMULA FOR FACTS

Do you read The Baptist Record?

If so, would you, if you had the opportunity, say so and tell WHY and WHEN and WHERE you read it?

If you do not, would you mind telling why, if you did not have to sign your name to the statement?

The editor would like to know what you think of the paper. He would be encouraged if the answers were favorable and prodded to better service if the answers were critical.

Contributors would like to know what you think. Advertisers would like to know. Many others would like to know.

The editors of the various state Baptist papers, together with the Foreign and Home Mission Magazines, have, through a committee, worked out a reader interest survey plan to be used by such papers as desire to use it, subject to such adjustments as their local circumstances indicate.

By the use of this plan it is hoped that it will serve to be a formula for the ascertainment of facts regarding the reader interest of those who have access to the paper.

Be on the lookout for further announcements along this line.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. A. L. Goedrich, Clinton, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. John King, Clinton, Miss.

President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Taylor
Young People's Secy.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.

Stewardship—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson, Miss.

Camps For G. A.'s, R. A. And Y. W. A.'s

GOOD NEWS!!!!

You have been wondering about camps for this summer! Yes we are having them! The State Park Commission has rented us Roosevelt Park, (just two miles from Morton, on a hard-surfaced road) for a five-week period—June 7-July 9 and within that period we will be having the camps listed below. You will notice that we are using this site instead of Castalian Springs, which is inadequate for our needs. I wish that you could see Roosevelt Park—it is LOVELY—good lake, adequate cabins, pretty scenery, just an ideal place for a camp. Make your plans now to attend. Save your gasoline, use a pick-up truck to bring your group. Be present if at all possible. In these days of curtailment we do not want to "leave-off" those things that make for spiritual growth.

Intermediate R. A. Camp (boys 12-16 years of age)—June 8-12. (Cost \$6.50).

Intermediate G. A. Camp—June 29-July 2. (Cost \$5.25.)

Y. W. A. Camp—July 5-9. (Cost \$6.50.)

Junior R. A. District 6 (Meridian, etc.)—June 14-16 (Cost \$3.00.)

Junior G. A. District 6 (Meridian, etc.)—June 21-23. (Cost \$3.00.)

Junior R. A. District 1 (Jackson, etc.)—June 17-19. (Cost \$3.00.)

Junior G. A. District 1 (Jackson, etc.)—June 24-26. (Cost \$3.00.)

We have secured the use of **Camp Tallaha** for the Delta section and Grenada, Oxford, etc. In other words, most of Districts 2 and 3 will go to this camp (that is, Junior G. A's and Junior R. A's).

Junior G. A. Districts 2 and 3, Camp Tallaha, near Charleston—May 31-June 2.

Junior R. A., Districts 2 and 3, Camp Tallaha, near Charleston—June 3-5.

There will be three other camps for Junior G. A's and Junior R. A's, and the dates and places will be announced soon. We have been working on this since last fall but there have been many delays. There will be a camp near you—so plan to attend.

Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp—June 17-24

We plan to travel along together by regular bus. We have talked with bus authorities and they advise us that we can arrange for our party to travel together on regular schedule. Since schedules are subject to change, we will wait until later to send exact schedule.

We plan to leave Jackson Wednesday morning, June 16th, via Winona, Columbus, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Asheville. The schedule will get us to Ridgecrest Thursday evening in time for the opening session that night. We will leave Ridgecrest Thursday night, June 24th—arriving in Jackson by Saturday morning.

Approximate cost:

Bus fare (round trip from Jackson)	\$17.27
Room and board at Ridgecrest	16.00
Registration fee (to be sent to me by June 1st)	2.00
Expense en route (personal matter)	

After your registration fee is sent to me, I will send your definite information concerning schedules, baggage, etc. Your Window of Y. W. A. carries Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp information.

For further information write: Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

To attempt to hold a conference at this stage in the country's history may appear unseemly, stupid or foolhardy. We beg to differ and to urge the importance of this conference and of attendance at it. We are convinced of the urgent necessity of

young people thinking now about the meaning of the world crisis. Action is needed now and this is not an attempt to provide a refuge from action. But action without thought can be as empty as words without thought. We cannot escape our responsibility to think even under the stress of war. The conference will be held. Study and recreation, worship and hilarity will go hand in hand to make one complete whole."

The above actual quotation regard New Zealand summer conference expresses our sentiment regarding Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp.—Juliette Mather.

Theme—Building On Undergirding Loyalties

While the world quivers with the shocks of war, young women must be preparing to build a better world out of the wreckage. We shall build well only when we build anew on the loyalties which remain unshaken in the midst of war and destruction. Missionaries who have seen the rubble following bombings know that love and brotherhood and Christian truths are never crushed by such attacks. At Y. W. A. Camp they will share with us their discoveries of loyalties that must undergird our tomorrows.

The roster of leaders is not fully completed as this goes to press. We have several invitations pending. Watch The Window of Y. W. A. and state papers of more forefront speakers to be at Y. W. A. Camp.

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WHAT SHALL I BELIEVE?

BELIEVE what He says about everybody being a sinner. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

BELIEVE that He loves YOU. "God commendeth His love toward US, in that, while WE were yet sinners Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:8.

BELIEVE that He wants to save us FROM SIN not just from being punished. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

BELIEVE that when we are truly sorry for sin and ask Him for forgiveness He forgives and makes us His children. "Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19.

BELIEVE that He answers prayer, "Ask and it shall be given you." Matt. 7:7-12.

BELIEVE that He means for us to follow Him in daily living. "If any man love me, he will keep my words." John 14:23.

BELIEVE that He will keep us by His power. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:27-28.

BELIEVE that He has a place of service. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

BELIEVE that He has an eternal home for you. "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am ye may be also." John 14:2-3.

MRS. BERTON McGEE.

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"THE BOOK WHICH KEPT HOPE ALIVE"

Sergeant Bartek's Testament on Display at American Bible Society's Headquarters

Sergeant John F. Bartek has loaned the American Bible Society the Bible volume, "the book which kept hope alive" which he and Captain Eddie V. Rickenbacker and their comrades read at their daily prayer meetings while they were afloat on the equatorial Pacific from October 21 to November 13. It is now on display in the 57th Street window of the Bible House in New York City. The book

PASTORS MAY PAY VICTORY TAX

So many and sincere were the inquiries that a thorough investigation has been made by correspondence and personal conferences.

The result is that the following understanding has been reached regarding the present Victory Tax. It will be acceptable to the tax authorities if the church treasurer will pay the full amount of the salary due the minister or other employee, and then that person immediately will give the church treasurer his personal check or cash for the amount of the tax. The church treasurer will then forward it to the proper collector of internal revenue together with appropriate withholding return and this will be accepted by the authorities as the fulfillment of the law on the part of both the treasurer, as the withholding agent, and the employee. It will be a service rendered by the government on the one hand, and the employee on the other.

When a minister of the gospel serves more than one church, and no church pays a salary in excess of the exemption (\$12.00 per week, or \$624.00 per year) then the minister shall take the full amount of his salary and pay his normal, surtax, and Victory Tax when he files his annual tax return on March 15th.

This is the understanding between the authorities of the internal revenue and those who have made the inquiries.

This understanding applies to the present withholding tax. In the future such care should be exercised in the formulation of laws regarding taxes, that the principle of the separation of church and state shall be safeguarded so that confusion and anxiety shall be eliminated or reduced to a minimum.

In the correspondence and conferences with all those in authority, the most cordial spirit of co-operation has been manifest and deeply appreciated. It has been the effort of those who have made the inquiries, to fully assure all authorities that the protest was not, and is not, against the tax in itself, but was because of the principle involved—the separation of church and state.

As regarding the winning of the war, authorities were fully assured that the "people called Baptists," as a people, are 100% loyal to the government which they were so largely instrumental in establishing.

GEORGE B. FRASER,

President,

District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

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BIRMINGHAM SHERIFF IS A DRY CONVERT

Sheriff Holt McDowell, of Jefferson county, Ala., the county in which Birmingham is situated, has been converted to the dry cause. Sheriff McDowell, a graduate of the University of Alabama and a member of the Episcopal church, says: "I have always heretofore believed that every man had a right to drink if he wanted to, and that it was nobody's business. But in my work as sheriff I have become convinced that it is somebody's business; and that it is every citizen's solemn duty to prevent his neighbor's getting anything that will ruin him. Ninety-five percent of all crime in Jefferson county and Birmingham is caused by liquor directly or indirectly. I'll never vote another wet ticket as long as I live."

contains the New Testament and the Book of Psalms in the King James version and was given to Sergeant Bartek by his pastor, the Rev. Walter Lake of the First Baptist Church, Freehold, New Jersey. Mr. Lake is now a chaplain working among the WAVES in Iowa.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Metts Makes It Unanimous

Within the last few months Rev. D. M. Metts, pastor of Woodland and Derma, has led both churches to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. Although the last he is not the least. The last refers to the fact that Pastor D. M. Metts is the last of the three Metts brothers



REV. D. M. METTS

to lead their churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Pastor L. F. Metts has it also at Northside in Jackson and Pastor J. M. Metts enjoys the benefits of the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Pickens.

We are certain that the good people of Derma and Woodland are going to know more about their Baptist affairs as all of them become better acquainted with all the things Baptists are doing throughout the world.

Pastor Sends Up Trial Balloon

From a good pastor in East Mississippi we have the following letter: "Dear Brother Goodrich: I am attaching herewith check for \$3.00 to cover subscriptions to The Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan to the members of the _____ Baptist church in _____ county.

"This is another trial balloon I am sending up in the hope that it will get the same results as in former cases.

"In the event that the church sees fit to renew when the time expires covered by this check my churches will all have the EVERY FAMILY Plan and be happy over it.

"Yours truly,

(Editor's Note: More balloons would produce more EVERY FAMILY Plans.)

Waynesboro

While Pastor Slick Green was away in a Crusade revival at Sledge (he was also there last year) we had the privilege of supplying for him both morning and night. There were good congregations at both services. The Waynesboro people are good listeners and help any preacher. Although the armed service and defense work have taken many people from the church others have taken their places and are carrying on in a noble way.

Wayne county Record readers are now listed as follows: CLARA 32; STATE LINE 47; WAYNESBORO 131; BUCATUNNA 29; MT. ZION 34; STRENGTHFORD 18.

How Simmons Did It

During the second week of the Evangelistic Crusade I did the preaching in a meeting at Hamburg. During the week I talked the EVERY FAMILY Plan; but rains broke up the meeting before I got them to agree to put it on. I sent you the money to send the paper for a month, hoping by that time their appetites would be cultivated into a habit. I was not far from wrong as I received a check for \$10.00 with the request that I send you the following names as members of that EVERY FAMILY Plan. The church is small and I am sure this covers the local membership and remember it is PAID UP FOR THE YEAR.—Bryan Simmons.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

By J. Herrick Hall, Co-Pastor
Fifth Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

There is a difference between New Testament principles and many of the so-called religious practices of our day. The New Testament charts a definite course for the church as the Christ-commissioned agency for the extension of His Kingdom. In some instances the church of our day has discarded entirely the Bible chart of her course. In other instances, she has dallied in worldly channels and shallows.

We live in what is known as a liberal age. . . . A severe test of denominationalism came in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Strife and friction attended the convocations of all church groups. There arose a strong attitude of non-denominationalism. Today this attitude of **no creed or no sect** has become entirely creedal and sectarian.

A new test of denominationalism has come in a world made up of great corporations, world trade agreements, and international political movements and labor unions. Dictatorships have united into the Axis. Advocates of the four freedoms have become the United Nations. It is easy to visualize the church as a world organization with the full flowered design of world union.

In the midst of mighty pressure for an amalgamated Christianity, Baptists stand out as a peculiar people, believing that there is an essential difference to which New Testament Christianity calls, and to which the New Testament church has been commissioned. We are without the portals of denominational federations and world church organizations because of convictions which are our inherent rights as New Testament Christians.

In simple terms, even liberal thought is a **creed** and all who have committed their convictions to this outlook are persistent and persuasive evangelists therefor. Charity and tolerance are not always the right and left hand of liberal thinking. Not all of the blows struck for liberal thought are in fair territory. Not all of the methods used to amalgamate the church are based on Christian ethics. Not all of the attitudes harbored against our national stand are fundamentally liberal.

As New Testament Baptists, we advocate the adherence of the church to a strict interpretation of the New Testament. Such a stand on our part is entirely consistent with our origin and our history, and scripturally significant. This significance consists of a five-fold conviction: 1. We believe in a divine Christ as Lord. We believe that He came in fulfillment of prophecy, that He was born of the Virgin Mary and of the Holy Ghost, that He died for our sins, and that He rose from the dead. 2. We believe that the proclamation of the gospel to the lost of the world is our divine mission. 3. We believe that the Bible is the inspired word and is our divine message and our rule of faith and practice. 4. We believe that the Holy Spirit is our divine leader in bringing in the Kingdom of Christ through the witness of the faithful. 5. We believe in the triumph of a returning Saviour who is and is to be Sovereign Lord, and we believe that a heavenly inheritance in this triumph is our divine destiny.

In the second letter of John, verses 4 through 11, we find adequate scriptural foundation for our convictions on evangelical doctrine. John was writing to a faithful saint, his sister in Christ. His message reads:

"I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

"And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

"And this is love, that we walk after his com-

On another page will be found an Honor Roll of churches and people who plan to give what would have been spent at the Southern Baptist Convention to the Now Club. Each week finds new names added. Read the Honor Roll weekly so as to know who are the ones that plan to join in this worthy enterprise.

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Mr. Owen Cooper prepared the copy.

Both of these fine Christian men are deacons in First Baptist Church, Jackson.

II

The Education Commission gives us authority for calling \$127,000 of our bonds June 1, 1943. That will include all our bonds maturing in 1952-53-54.

This call will save \$81,375 in interest. We have saved \$75,000 in bonds already called.

After June we will have a total of \$156,500 bonds outstanding. They mature in 1955-56-57.

Yes, Mississippi Baptists now begin to see the end of days of debt!

We do not have enough money in hand with which to make this call June 1, but we expect Mississippi Baptists, individuals and churches to send in to this office by then, hundreds of thousands of dollars!

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Ahoscie, N. C., church has 57 men and one woman in the service. The pastor, Rev. Oscar Creech, enumerates some of the things being done for them: (1) Testaments are sent to them as soon as their addresses can be obtained. (2) Church bulletins are sent to them every two weeks. (3) They are remembered in prayer every worship service. "Silent prayer" for our President and for our men and women in service. (4) The pastor writes to them every two or three months. He has had many fine letters from the boys. (5) This quarter "Open Windows" was sent to them. (6) A bulletin board is provided in the church and pictures of the men in uniform are posted on it. This has created much interest at home. (7) The church has placed an order for an "Honor Roll" on which will be placed the names of all service people. This is to be a permanent roll. "The efforts of our church for our young people in service have been very much appreciated by the men," says the pastor.—Biblical Recorder.

We need minutes of the following associations: Benton, Bolivar, Adams-Franklin, George, Itawamba, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson-Davis, Leflore, Liberty, Mississippi, Mt. Pisgah, Neshoba, New Choctaw, Pearl River, Prentiss, Sunflower and Winston.

mandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-Christ.

"Look unto yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

"For he that biddeth him God speed is a partaker of his evil deeds."

From this scripture it appears that liberal thinkers deceived in John's day, too. His interpretation of our obligation is so direct and clear that our duty is undebatable. The Saviour said, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments."

Baptists as New Testament Christians believe that obedience should be implicit. The Saviour set the example. When He faced Calvary, He found His heart crying out, "If it be possible, let this cup pass, nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." His obedience was absolute. It is inconsistent with spiritual regeneration to quibble over obedience. We, as Baptists, believe in implicit obedience and rejoice that He counts us worthy to be different.

DOCTRINAL EVANGELISM

Below we give an outline of one of the addresses given at the Evangelistic Conference at Clinton in January. All those taking part on the program have been asked for a copy of their addresses. Some have not found it convenient to send them but we are glad to share with our readers those that are available.

(Motto text: Ps. 119:105. Quotations of Scripture are from the Broadus New Testament.)

Introduction. 1. The Greek word "ecclesia," translated by the English word church and means "the called out," occurs in the New Testament 115 times. Twice it refers to the Greek assembly; three times to the Hebrew congregation; nine times to all the redeemed; 101 times to the local congregation, as the church at Jerusalem, the churches of Asia, etc.

2. A New Testament church defined—A New Testament church is a congregation of baptized believers, in the Lord Jesus Christ, associated together under covenant to maintain the doctrines, the ordinances, the worship, the fellowship and the work of the Kingdom of God.

3. The work of the Kingdom is to make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; teach them to observe all things commanded by Christ.

4. We find in the world today two church concepts, directly opposed to each other—the Roman Catholic Church and a Baptist church.

a. In church polity—The Catholic church is sacerdotal, governed by priests under the Pope of Rome. A Baptist church is a democracy.

b. In salvation—The Roman Catholic church is sacramental, holding to seven sacraments: baptism, confirmation, the eucharist, penance, holy orders, matrimony, and extreme unction. Baptist churches hold to evangelism—saved by grace through faith in the Lord Christ.

I

Doctrinal Evangelism Defined

1. The word doctrine means teaching.
2. Evangelism is from the Latin "evangelium"—"the gospel." The Greek word "evangelidzo," to announce good news.
3. Announce good news by declaring the teachings of the gospel.
4. The Bible is the compass of life to guide sinners out of the wilderness of sin into the light of salvation.

II

Doctrinal Evangelism Leads the Sinner To—:

1. The New Birth—John 3:3—"unless one be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." To see—(Greek, idein), an infinitive, 2nd aorist active, from "horao" with three shades of meaning—to see with the eye; to perceive; to become acquainted with by experience. 1st Peter 1:22-23, Born again . . . through the word of God, which lives and abides.

2. Repentance—Mark 6:12; Luke 13:3; 2nd Corinthians 7:10—two Greek words: metamelomi in the New Testament only five times: Matt. 21:29-32; 27:3; II Cor. 7:8; Heb. 7:21. In neither case connected with salvation. Judas repented (metamelomi) and hanged himself. b. Matanaeo—used in the New Testament 31 times. It means—change of mind—change of conduct, and keep them changed—in the Greek it denotes linear action.

3. Faith—faith in Jesus. John 3:16-36.

a. To faith in Christ as a Prophet, in which office work He fulfilled the law for the sinner.

b. To faith in Christ as a sacrifice for sin. He died for the sinner.

c. To faith in Christ as the High Priest. He made atonement for sin in the Holy of Holies of Heaven, where He appeared in the presence of the Father in behalf of the sinner. Hebrews 9:24-26; 10:19-22. Having made the atonement for sin He returned to earth for His body. He arose from the dead, appeared to various persons for forty days, one time to above 500, and gave the great commission—Matt. 28:16-20. He ascended, the apostles beholding Him, until He passed through a cloud out of their sight. He went on through the first heaven, where the airplanes fly; then through the second heaven, where we see the sun, moon and stars, into the third heaven, where the Paradise of

HONOR ROLL

The churches listed below have agreed to contribute to the Now Club (or other object of their choice) the amount they would have given to pay their pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The same is true of individuals listed below:

Duck Hill Baptist Church.
Highland Church, Meridian.
First Church, New Albany.
Newton Baptist Church.
A. L. Goodrich.
D. A. McCall.
E. C. Williams.
A. J. Wilds.
Fannie Traylor.
Edwina Robinson.
M. E. Perry.
Bryan Simmons.
J. R. G. Hewlett.
Carolyn Madison.

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ENLISTMENT PASTORS IN
IMPORTANT MEETING

A very important meeting of the Enlistment Pastors was held Saturday, April 3, in the office of Executive Secretary D. A. McCall. The entire plan and purpose of the district work was reviewed and Pastor Chester Quarles, Leland, presented the importance of the Association as a working unit in our Baptist life.

Enlistment Pastors present were: M. E. Perry, Hattiesburg; James B. Ray, Tupelo; E. Gaines Hightower, Batesville; Bruce S. Hilburn, Soso; E. D. Estes, Ackerman; and H. T. McLaurin, Jackson.

Other Baptist pastors present were Drs. J. D. Ray, Starkville; R. D. Pearson, Macon, and W. A. Hewitt, Jackson.

John D. Davis, president of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, also sat in at the meeting.

A statement of renewed determination to give the maximum to the Cause of Christ was made by all the brethren.

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Closing a Crusade meeting at Hollandale church, J. W. Sturdivant writes: "Seldom does one have the joy of preaching to such a well organized church with all the organizations working together for the revival; seldom the privilege of working with such a fine team as Pastor J. B. Smith and Song Leader E. C. Edwards. He blesses His people when they pray, and go in His Name and witness."

J. B. Middleton, pastor at Sardis, was the preacher in the Bruce Crusade revival, working with Pastor L. F. Haire in three services daily. The morning service was at the high school, afternoon at 5 o'clock in the D. L. Fair Company plant, and at night in the church. We had great messages from one who is God's man, and we feel lasting good will come from the revival.—Reporter.

The baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class at Janice high school will be preached by William Potter, pastor of McLain church, on April 11. On April 16 he will make the commencement address at the McLain high school.

God is, and took His seat on the throne at the right hand of the Father.

d. To faith in Christ as Mediator and reigning King. I Tim. 2:5, "One mediator also between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." I Cor. 15:22-26. "For He must reign till He hath put all the enemies under His feet. As the last enemy, death is done away with."

4. Baptism—Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:4.

5. Church Membership—Acts 2:41. "They that welcomed His word, were baptized; and there were added—to the church—on that day about three thousand souls." Acts 4:4. "But many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of men became about 5000."

6. The Great Commission—Matt. 28:18-20.

Conclusion: The greatest book that has been written on EVANGELISM or Winning to Christ, is the New Testament. The cream of the New Testament, on this subject, is the gospel of John. The work of EVANGELISM is never complete until the EVANGELIZED become the EVANGELIZERS.

J. R. G. HEWLETT, Charleston, Miss.

Tithing Corner

TITHING AND UNION CHURCH

Some time ago you asked me for an article on what tithing has meant to Union church in Clarke county.

Up until our summer revival last August, our church was receiving half-time service in conjunction with another church in the same vicinity. During our summer revival we had Brother Sollie Smith from Stonewall with us. The Lord used him greatly. At the close of the revival we had seventy-two people to pledge to tithe during the next twelve months. Up until that time not many of us had really known the true meaning of tithing, but the Lord opened our eyes to the truth. The church went to full half-time, and not satisfied with this, they voted to go to full-time beginning September first. Since that time we have been having some glorious times at old Union. Never in the history of the church have we felt such spiritual power and fervor. There is more Christian love manifested than we have ever seen among a body of the Lord's people. No special credit is due anyone, but rather are we all together grateful to the Lord that He helped us to see the true meaning of following Him to the uttermost in respect to tithing our material possessions.

Our financial report for the period of August twenty-third to December twenty-seventh is as follows: total offering through envelopes and plate, \$1,082.92; pastor's salary, \$380.30; to Cooperative Program, \$170.58; to Baptist Orphanage, \$33.70; miscellaneous expense, \$55.61; total expenses, \$640.19; balance in building fund for parsonage, \$485.13. The church has taken in addition special love offerings amounting to \$61.34 for the needy in our community. A few Sundays ago we voted also to give \$5.00 per month to a Negro Baptist church in the community in order that they might have two Sundays per month instead of one.

As soon as conditions will permit we are planning to build a parsonage, and by the time the present pastor leaves for the Seminary in September, we are hoping to be ready to move a full-time pastor on the field. We are joyously happy as we strive to serve the Lord, and it is the prayer of our hearts that our experience will serve to inspire other bodies of the Lord's people to take Malachi 3:10 for its full value. The spiritual blessings that will ensue are immeasurable.

Union has just recently adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. We feel that it will do us good.

CHARLES A. JOLLY.

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The Crusade meeting at Lambert was helpful to the church and resulted in nine professions of faith and three by letter added to the church. L. Bracey Campbell, pastor at Marks, did the preaching.—R. W. Porter, pastor.

Unity church in Attala county has voted to pay in full their Now Club pledge of \$100. They have also sent in a check of approximately \$65 to the Cooperative Program. The church is using the budget plan most successfully. L. Z. Cook is the treasurer, and Ted Clark is pastor.

The Tunica church recently gave more than \$1200 to the O. H. T. Club, and the Annie W. Armstrong offering from the W. M. S. went above \$100, according to Pastor D. L. Sturgis.

An enlarged board of deacons is functioning splendidly at the Unity church in Attala county. The following are now serving on the board: Lloyd Cade, W. E. Wigley, Leroy Miller, Ann Thornton, L. Z. Cook and John Henry Cummings.—Ted Clark, pastor.

At Sledge, W. A. (Slick) Green, pastor at Waynesboro, was the visiting minister. This was his second revival at Sledge, and will result in far-reaching influence for good. There were four added to the church, two on profession of faith. The attendance and interest were at high peak all the way.—R. W. Porter, pastor.

From New Palestine church, Picayune, Willie Furr, church clerk, has sent in a fine list of names on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

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Churches, remember Blue Mountain in June.

Thursday, April 8, 1943.

THE BAPTIST RECORD

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for April 11, 1943
PETER AND JOHN WITNESS CHRIST'S GLORY
 Mark 9:2-8; 2 Peter 1:16-18

The transfiguration occurred a week after Peter's great confession. It was on one of the lofty perhaps snow-capped spurs of Mount Hermon. Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James and John, had scaled the summit for a season of prayer. But as He prayed He was irradiated with glory supernal which the disciples were forbidden to report until after the ascension. Then they were at liberty to tell what they had seen as Peter did in a glowing paragraph of his second epistle.

Lesson Outline

- I. Record of Christ's Glory (Mark 9).
- II. Remembrance of Christ's Glory (2 Peter 1).

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The glory of personality was witnessed by Peter and John and James who were with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. Note: (1) **The glory summit** was scaled. The party consisted of Jesus and that inner trio of disciples who alone witnessed the resurrection of the ruler's daughter and the agony in Gethsemane. They began the ascent late one afternoon and it must have been far in the night when they reached the top. The trip was tiresome though the air was invigorating. The journey was more than an interesting side trip on their northward tour. The object of the climb was worship. The ascent carried them up to the place of prayer. (2) **The glory scene** was sublime. As Jesus was praying He was transfigured. His facial glory outshone that of Moses at Sinai or Stephen at his martyrdom. His raiment was illuminated with the intense splendor of His person. His recognized heavenly visitants were Moses and Elijah, two outstanding men of the old dispensation, representing the law and the prophets, respectively. The one theme of conversation with the celestial callers was His approaching death at Jerusalem; and doubtless His spirit

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was thereby strengthened for the ordeal. The tired and drowsy disciples, aroused to complete alertness, saw their irradiated Lord and His shining companions. Could not the vanishing visitors be detained? Why not tabernacle on the mountain top? But Peter knew not the meaning of his words and hence there was no answer. Then came the overshadowing cloud filling them with awe, and out of the radiant cloud bank rang the Father's voice, heard before at the baptism, and heard later on the eve of the crucifixion, identifying Christ as the Son of God. Then the glory disappeared and the reassured disciples, arising from their prostrate position, found Jesus alone with themselves. (3) **The glory silence** was singular. And yet there was good reason for it. Of course, the elated witnesses intended immediately to inform their comrades and the multitude of the glorious event of the night. But Jesus forbade them because they could not report the transfiguration with proper accuracy and emphasis until after the resurrection; and before that time the public would brand it as false and treat it with cavil.

2. The glory of proclamation was permitted the disciples after the dark of Calvary and the light of Olivet. Many years afterward Peter wrote of it to believers in distant lands and coming ages. He had not fashioned cleverly or followed blindly any fables or falsities concerning the Redeemer. He had told the simple story of the coming of Christ. He had personally witnessed the majesty of Christ. With his own eyes he had seen the irradiated form of Jesus in the holy mount of transfiguration. With his own ears he had heard the voice of the Father identifying Jesus as the Son beloved and approving His mission to earth. And now with faithful pen and fervent tongue he proclaimed the majestic glory he beheld when he was with the Master in the mount. Never could that sight celestial fade from his memory!

**The Lesson of the Lesson
Follow the Christ of Glory**

(1) **Follow the Pilgrim Christ.** "Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up." It was a lonely journey up a steep mountain. Suppose the favored three disciples had declined to go. What a blessing they would have missed! "Where He leads me I will follow."

(2) **Follow the Praying Christ.** "Into an high mountain apart by themselves." He "went up into a mountain to pray" (Luke). And none ever prayed like the Son of man. Nearly all the great events of His career on record were marked by prayer.

(3) **Follow the Prophetic Christ.** "There appeared unto them Elias with Moses." The greatest of the past stepped into His presence from the spirit world. Higher stood He than Moses and Elijah who saw in His death the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

(4) **Follow the Priestly Christ.** "They were talking with Jesus." The

DR. TULL OPPOSES CONVENTION DEFERMENT

The Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Austin Crouch, Secretary. My dear Dr. Crouch:

I have your letter inclosing a copy of the action of the Executive Committee taken on Feb. 24th in abolishing the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which is scheduled to take place in its usual historic annual session this year in Memphis, Tennessee, May 12-14.

As I wrote you before the action of the committee, I am among those who question the right of the committee in this very far-reaching action. I think the committee has assumed authority which it was never intended it should possess.

If the Executive Committee has the right to abolish one Convention, it surely has the right to abolish all future meetings of the Convention. Should the committee just keep on doing what has already been done, the Southern Baptist Convention would never meet again on earth.

The grounds stated by the committee in abolishing the Convention are not justified. The plea that it will aid the war effort is not a fact. The war effort will not be helped through a suspension of religious activities.

The lack of hotel facilities in Memphis is only partially true. I was in Memphis on Feb. 22nd, before the committee took its action, and I had no trouble in securing a hotel reservation for the period of the Convention at one of the best hotels in Memphis. The manager of the hotel expressed pleasure over the coming of the Convention to Memphis this year. On the basis of the accustomed attendance upon the Convention, it might be that there would not be enough hotel room, but the usual attendance would not have materialized this year anyway.

As to the food rationing program, it does not contemplate the closing of restaurants and eating places to the public. I ate my dinner today at a cafeteria.

But, to me it is the moral effect of abolishing the Convention which over-shadows all else. The Southern

topic of their talk was the death on the cross. Suffering attracts. Vicarious suffering is the mightiest of magnets. Jesus was getting ready to make the supreme sacrifice which draws unto Him all men. From Mount Hermon He saw Mount Calvary.

(5) **Follow the Certified Christ.** "This is my beloved Son." Hear the Father's voice from out of the light-cloud identifying and commanding Jesus as His Son. Again and again the Father approved and authenticated Jesus as His Son. If we heed the Father, we must hear the Son.

Gold in the Golden Text

A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear him. Mark 9:7.

The divine Sonship of Jesus is declared. He is the Son of God. The Father said so at the baptism in Jordan and on the Mount of Transfiguration. Others said the same, but the testimony of the Father is supreme.

The divine authority of Jesus is evident. He speaks; hear Him. He commands; obey Him. He leads; follow Him.

Baptist Convention is one of the mightiest religious factors in the world. To abolish its meetings will have the re-action around the world to the effect that religious activities are incidental, matters of convenience, wholly non-essential, and can be set aside under given "emergencies" and taken up again when times are good and everything is pleasant and convenient!

This action of the committee in abolishing the Convention can easily be cited by Adolf Hitler, and others who would destroy Christianity from the earth, as an illustration that so-called religious matters are trivial and non-essential practices and not necessary to the life of the nation.

Besides exercising such influences on the mind of the world, there is certain to come a lost power on the Baptist mind composing our constituency. The very genius of the Baptist spirit of growth is involved. The meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention through the years have been the major factor and power of enthusiasm which have led the march of Baptist unity and progress.

I, for one, deplore the assumed action of the Executive Committee, and express the hope that this action may be rescinded, and the plans of meeting will be carried out on schedule by all those who may have the opportunity to attend. God save the day!

Very sincerely yours,
SOLSUS E. TULL, Pastor,
 First Baptist Church,
 West Helena, Arkansas.

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FOUR NEW CITIES ADDED TO NEW PROGRAM

A rapidly expanding city mission program, was extended to four additional cities by the Home Mission Board in a meeting of its executive committee April 1. The four new cities added were New Orleans, Tampa, Little Rock and El Paso. Ten cities were already included in the program, making fourteen metropolitan centers in which the Board is engaged in work. Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, superintendent of the city mission work, stated that a dozen other cities, through their Baptist leaders, were applying for similar work.

Named on the recommendation of Dr. Dowis to be superintendents of mission work in these cities were Rev. A. L. Kirkwood, New Orleans; Rev. Clifford Walker, Tampa; Rev. Taylor Stanfill, Little Rock, and Rev. C. G. Carter, El Paso. The Board also elected Rev. E. E. Steele to be superintendent in Atlanta to fill the position vacated by Dr. Dowis when he was made director of the entire movement in the South.

Other new missionaries named were Dr. J. B. Rounds of Oklahoma City, to be superintendent of Indian work in Oklahoma; Rev. Julian Reyna, El Paso, Mexican work; and Miss Lottie Stevens, New Orleans.

More Chaplains

Southern Baptist ministers serving as chaplains in the army and navy now number over 700, Dr. D. H. Hall, Jr., chairman of the committee on chaplains, reported. Thirty-two ministers applying for chaplaincy appointments the past month were endorsed.

Offerings in March showed an increase of 40% over the same last year. Total for last month was \$60,616.13, compared with \$42,995.23 in March, 1942.

An income of \$21,488.55 for Home Missions from the Bottoms Trust Fund was reported by Dr. Lawrence. Upon Dr. Lawrence's recommendation the Board appropriated \$15,588 of these earnings for mission work in Cuba, and the balance of \$5,900.55 for mission work in the South.

Spanish Baptist Preacher Is Ordained

By Cloma Huffman

Missionary to Spanish, New Mexico

After preaching services on a recent Sunday morning, I drove to Taos for the ordination of Rev. Aurelio Hurtado, a Spanish Baptist preacher at that place. Brother Hurtado is a native of Bolivia. I interpreted English to Spanish and Spanish to English, then brought the ordination sermon in both languages. Leaving Taos immediately after the services, I arrived in Los Vegas just as our Training Union was ready to begin. By the time I had taken part in it and preached to our people, I was a little tired; however, it was a joyful day. On February 14, our offering for the Hundred Thousand Club was \$30. This is almost \$2 per capita for our church.

Recently I have taught in a study

course (Training Union) at the Anglo Baptist Church.

Mexican Church Serves Soldiers By Joshua Grijalva Mexican Missionary

Our church, located in a strategic and important city as is San Antonio, has of late extended its soul-winning work into military points, making our Mexican young men in the service of our country the objectives.

Through the help of a young Baptist soldier who appealed to our church to hold services in his camp because of the evils of drinking, gambling, and dancing brought about as a result of idleness in the soldiers' spare time, we have made arrangements to hold services for the Spanish men every Thursday evening.

We have found that many of our Baptist and other Protestant denominational young men in the service and away from their home church and Christian influence, have tended to follow the ways of the world. We, as a church, have declared war against the fifth columnist, EVIL, existing within our gates.

Indian Lad Converted In School

Rev. C. W. Stumph, missionary in Albuquerque, reports the conversion of a young man who is a senior in the U. S. Indian School—"a very fine, bright boy who had never attended any church service until he began to attend our group here."

Progress Noted On Cuban Field

By Herbert Caudill

Missionary in Cuba

March 1 was a happy day for the Baptists of Regla as at last we had the privilege of entering and worshiping in our new home, our permanent dwelling place, where we could feel that we were more firmly established.

Naturally for that first service, we had to have Dr. McCall. Our chapel, about twice as large as the one we had in the other house, was well filled. In fact, there were several people standing on the outside. The services continued on through the week with good results. There were several professions of faith.

Last night, March 21, we had a beautiful service. Mr. Moore, our tenor, and his twelve-year-old son, sang a duet. Edwin, the son, made a profession of faith in Christ a number of years ago, and is now studying very seriously the matter of baptism. After the sermon by the pastor, and the invitation was made to those who had previously made a profession of faith, and now wanted to take the further steps of baptism, four people stood.

Recently we had the privilege of baptizing a splendid young man, who had previously known the gospel in Santiago de Cuba, and had been living in Regla for less than a year. He was elected secretary of the Training Union.

While the church in Regla was not marked by the evangelistic zeal that we would have desired during the past year, there was a notable in-

crease in the offerings. The pleasing factor in the matter of the offerings is that the church gave considerably more to the Co-operative Program than it had given the previous year.

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FORMER PASTOR ATTENDS DEDICATION SERVICE AT LEESBURG, FLORIDA

Mrs. Thomas and I attended the dedication service of the First Baptist Church, Leesburg, Fla., March 21st. Yes, Mrs. Thomas went, since the church sent a check to pay the expenses of each of us. It was the writer's privilege to preach the dedicatory sermon. The building and equipment cost approximately \$125,000.00. They have a \$16,000.00 pipe organ which is a memorial organ. They have between 1,000 and 1,500 members. The church has a Mississippian—Dr. Carl Bates—for their pastor. His Mississippi friends will rejoice to know that he is pastor of one of the best churches in the state of Florida. It was a great experience to have a part in this great service.

C. S. THOMAS.

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IN MEMORY OF E. T. HAMM

Jesus the all-sufficient and unfailing friend, took our dear husband and father, Elon T. Hamm, on Dec. 7, 1942. He was born May 17th, 1884. He joined the Baptist Church in early life, and was a faithful worker until the end. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years, and active in all other phases of church work. He was an outstanding citizen of the community, and always ready to put forth his best in any worthy cause. He especially supported educational work in every way he could.

Elon leaves to mourn his departure, his wife and six children, namely: Hilton Hamm, U. S. Army; Mrs. Lonnie Garris, Alvin Hamm, both of Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. J. C. Runnels, Mrs. Mack Gillis, Mrs. J. V. Baygents, all of Hatiesburg, Miss. Two brothers, J. F. Hamm, Leakesville, Miss.; S. E. Hamm, Laurel, Miss. Two half-brothers, Edd and Q. L. Freeman, both of Neely, Miss., and two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Turner, Miranopy, Fla., and Mrs. L. V. Hillman, Neely, Mississippi.

Written by his wife,

MRS. E. T. HAMM.

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"Chameleons seven inches long can, by means of their lightning-fast tongues, 'shoot' flies 12 inches away." Some community gossips we have known can, by the same means, shoot reputations to pieces clean across town.—Glad Tidings.

Little Rock, Ark (RNS)—Governor Homer D. Adkins has signed a bill prohibiting the sale of beer and wine on Sunday in Arkansas.



DR. NAT TRACY
RULEVILLE PASTOR NOW IN ARMED SERVICE

Dr. Nat Tracy, Th.D., graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary, the Baptist Bible Institute and the Harvard Chaplains' School, is now stationed in Missouri. His four years' pastorate at Ruleville include many excellent accomplishments: the paying of a heavy debt which staggered the congregation for fifteen years, a substantial increase in attendance and efficiency in every organization of the church, a perennial program of soul winning in which many have been added to the Lord, the reconstruction of personalities who needed building up in the faith, and a growth in missionary spirit and gifts. The church has granted him a leave of absence. Rev. Billy Watson of Mississippi College, and Mrs. Nat Tracy are carrying on the work while Dr. Tracy is away.

W. A. BELL.

UNCLE "BUD" PASSES

On the morning of March 13th the Oldham church lost one of its most faithful members and superintendent of the Sunday school, Brother W. V. McAuley, who passed to his reward.

The church mourns his going. He was suddenly taken by a heart attack, and never regained consciousness. Brother McAuley leaves his wife, Ida McAuley; one son, Henry, and one daughter, Mrs. Jim Crause, of Huntsville, Alabama, and five grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, R. E. Woodfin, at the home, and interment was in the Snowdon cemetery. Brother McAuley was 67 years of age, and had been superintendent of Oldham Sunday school for eight or ten years.—R. E. Woodfin.

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A Word From Cleo Harris

Many friends have been hearing from Cleo Harris through his sheet that he calls HARRISBURG FIVE STAR FINAL INCORPORATED. One of the issues has just come to us and we were happy to hear from this good friend and to know that he was well and happy.

Since we last reported on him he has received his promotion to first lieutenant, showing that he has that leadership ability in the army of his country just as he has it in the army of the Lord. Congratulations, Cleo.

Cleo is now in Hawaiian Islands and if you want to write to him, and a letter will be most welcome, you may address him—Lt. James C. Harris, Jr., 372nd Bomb Sq. APO 953, % Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Two interesting things happened; first, he found two good friends, now missionaries under the Foreign Mission Board were on the island, Rev. and Mrs. Jimmie Belote (Mrs. Belote was Martha Bigham of Sumner) and how he did enjoy fellowship with them. Spent one night with them and nearly sat up all night talking about old times and mutual friends. You can imagine what a treat that was to all three. As he expressed it, "the conversation covered all the marriages, births, B. S. U. conventions, Ridgecrest, Operas (BMC) and what have you of the last eight years." Again he found that the Base Chaplain was a Baptist preacher from Texas. He says, "We shot the bull for hours on end about fellows we know. Some of the papers he had contained pictures of Dr. R. G. Lee and Chester Swor, which was almost like a visit home and back to M. C.

Attention Story Hour Leaders

A special Story Hour song book has been published by the Sunday School Board and is now available at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Price 60 cents. These songs have been written especially for the children from three to eight years of age, and will fill a long felt need in this department.

District Training Union Convention

A salute to the District Training Union Convention. Junior Memory Work Drill. For the purpose of encouraging consistent emphasis on the Bible Memory Work in our Junior Unions, we sponsor, as a part of our District Training Union Convention, a memory Work Drill for the Junior boys and girls, 9-12, inclusive. We are urging that every leader take the material given below (plus what is given in the Quarterly) and by means of games, contests and drills, endeavor to teach it to every member of the union during the next few months.

It is our hope that every Association will have a meeting, at which representatives from all churches will be given a chance to participate in a drill, from which two winners will be selected to represent the Association at the District Convention. If your Association does not arrange for such

a meeting, then you will bring your representative directly to the District Drill.

The Juniors will be quizzed on the following:

1. They will be expected to know all the Memory Verses for the first two quarters of 1943. They are to give the verses exactly as they are given in the Quarterly, including the Scripture reference. Verses for older Juniors will be used.

2. The Books of the Bible.

3. Who said: Entreat me not to leave thee. (Ruth.) Though He slay me yet will I trust him. (Job.) Repent! the Kingdom of God is at hand. (John the Baptist.) Suffer the little children to come unto me. (Jesus.) Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. (King Agrippa.) Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God. (Peter.) Forgive them for they know not what they do. (Jesus.) What he sayeth unto thee do it. (Mary, mother of Jesus.) Give me now wisdom and knowledge. (Solomon—read 2 Chronicles 1:9-12.) I will not let thee go except thou bless me. (Jacob—read Genesis 32:24-28.) He is not here, he is risen. (Angels at Jesus' tomb.) Here am I, send me. (Isaiah.)

4. Where do you find the story of (give book and chapter): Creation; Joseph's dream; Plagues of Egypt; Ten Commandments; Naomi; Death of Moses; Birth of Jesus; Resurrection of Jesus; Feeding of the four thousand; The Great Commission, quote; Death of Stephen; Conversion of Paul; The Prodigal Son; John's vision of heaven.

How to spell: Baptist, baptize, Christian, forgiveness, eternal, tithe, denomination, convention, association, preacher.

6. Tell in your own words how one

Harrisburg, Pa.—A resolution requesting Governor Edward Martin to issue a proclamation "emphasizing the importance and value of Sabbath Day observance," has been introduced in the state House of Representatives. The resolution states: "The legislature hereby acknowledges the contribution to our country's development and spiritual well-being through consecrated observance of the Sabbath Day."

It is said that despite all of their own losses and suffering, despite the burning of many of their churches, and despite the fact that the young men are all at war, the Baptists of Great Britain have raised more than a million dollars for relief in China. What a record this is! What an answer this is to the oft heard statement that we cannot help others because we ourselves are in distress!—Watchman-Examiner.

becomes a Christian.

February was a short month for us, only 12 new unions organized and 482 study course awards issued. Two fully graded Training Unions were reported, one by Rev. Foy Rogers of Tupelo and the other by Alonzo Warren, R. 1, Sumrall. A Junior and Young People's was reported by Mr. John William Jones, R. 6, Philadelphia. Congratulations and may the list continue to grow.

42 Awards Go to Wellman

Thanks to Miss Blake Nations, secretary of the Lincoln County Associational Training Union, a splendid training school was held at the Wellman church where 42 awards were issued. Miss Nations reports that the lowest attendance during the week was 45 and the highest 59. After the examinations Friday night a social hour was enjoyed with cake and lemonade served as refreshments. The people of the Wellman church were appreciative for this good work. Similar schools are being planned for other churches in the association.



H. W. ROBERSON BEGINS
LEXINGTON PASTORATE

Leaving Brandon after a pastorate beginning in May 1940, H. W. Roberson begins his work as pastor at Lexington. Born in Meridian, he has held pastorates in Alabama and Mississippi, after receiving his college training at Clarke Memorial and Mississippi College and doing seminary work at Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. The new pastor of Lexington, his wife and two sons leave Brandon with the assurance of many friends made and a good work accomplished through the cooperation of the congregation. More than 100 have been added to the church, a majority coming by baptism. A substantial beginning on a building fund has been made, beside the construction of a valuable annex and improvements to the present property.

In leaving, he states that the co-operation of the people and the goodness of God in giving the increase accounts for the fact that all departments are practically doubled, and predicts wonderful progress for the church, which is now half instead of quarter time.

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Lead In 1942 Contributions

The two hundred Mississippi Baptist Churches leading in total contributions in 1942 are:

I	
1. Jackson First	\$29,715.64
2. Leland	15,794.51
3. Jackson, Calvary	12,202.57
4. Grenada, First	9,881.21
5. Meridian, First	9,471.79
6. Laurel, First	9,327.21
7. Columbus, First	8,705.52
8. Hattiesburg, First	8,697.28
9. Walnut Grove	8,276.86
10. Vicksburg, First	7,995.75
11. Philadelphia	7,678.80
12. Brookhaven, First	7,604.90
13. Tupelo, Calvary	7,403.89
14. McComb, First	6,719.02
15. Greenwood, First	6,563.45
16. Clinton	6,034.54
17. West Point	5,823.33
18. Crystal Springs	5,178.07
19. Louisville	4,835.29
20. Canton, First	4,693.83
21. Lowrey Memorial	4,427.93
22. Tylertown	4,410.03
23. Moorhead	4,066.35
24. Picayune	3,943.74
25. Holly Springs	3,673.07
II	
1. Belzoni	3,669.22
2. Hattiesburg, Main Street	3,376.19
3. Jackson, Griffith Memorial	3,369.51
4. Greenville, First	3,312.15
5. Lyon	3,299.80
6. Clarksdale	3,270.65
7. Meridian, Poplar Springs	3,187.96
8. Drew	3,173.63
9. Gulfport, First	3,121.34
10. Kosciusko, First	3,092.05
11. Hazlehurst	2,946.20
12. Prentiss	2,847.77
13. Laurel, West	2,799.83
14. Columbia, First	2,756.33
15. New Albany	2,671.40
16. Yazoo City	2,586.86
17. Corinth, First	2,555.39
18. Indianola	2,543.95
19. Magee	2,466.54
20. Charleston	2,309.32
21. Moss Point, First	2,274.44
22. Pontotoc	2,126.56
23. Starkville	2,080.96
24. Inverness	2,070.52
25. Forest	2,015.81
III	
1. Newton	1,997.23
2. Calhoun City	1,967.59
3. Quitman	1,880.98
4. Hattiesburg, 5th Avenue	1,867.95
5. Jackson, Parkway	1,833.35
6. Hollandale	1,792.93
7. Galilee-Gloster	1,707.35
8. Water Valley	1,704.05
9. Sardis	1,686.79
10. Ripley	1,675.90
11. Laurel, 2nd Avenue	1,667.03
12. Bay Springs	1,665.20
13. Salem (Covington)	1,662.44
14. Batesville	1,596.96
15. Natchez, First	1,595.46
16. Pascagoula, First	1,585.89
17. Booneville	1,575.66
18. Lucedale	1,572.48
19. Richton	1,553.62
20. Oxford	1,519.89
21. Meridian, Highland	1,492.32
22. Ellisville	1,442.85
23. Liberty	1,415.09
24. Rolling Fork	1,351.17
25. Senatobia	1,331.06
IV	
1. Amory	1,304.45
2. Meridian, South Side	1,296.16
3. Sunflower	1,243.94
4. Cleveland	1,230.31
V	
5. Magnolia	1,224.72
6. Aberdeen	1,209.90
7. Durant	1,201.28
8. Meridian, 15th Avenue	1,171.50
9. Tunica	1,138.87
10. Marks	1,100.65
11. Ackerman	1,071.16
12. Tupelo, First	1,070.65
13. Mendenhall	1,063.59
14. Houston	1,062.45
15. McComb, Central	1,053.09
16. Steen's Creek	1,044.78
17. Poplarville	1,019.12
18. Carthage	1,006.93
19. Oak Grove	1,001.56
20. Morton	999.21
21. Pickens	985.87
22. Union	985.39
23. McComb, East	984.91
24. Harperville	975.55
25. Sumner	964.69
VI	
1. Lexington	962.84
2. Biloxi, First	946.48
3. Webb	945.66
4. Coldwater, Central	944.83
5. Lumberton	935.93
6. Collins	896.71
7. Ruleville	892.28
8. Meridian, 41st Avenue	891.08
9. Winona	870.14
10. Doddsville	860.88
11. Beulah (Bolivar)	860.00
12. Morgan City	847.90
13. Spring Creek	844.58
14. Taylorsville	841.16
15. Anguilla	831.22
16. Walker Hanks Memorial	820.07
17. Waynesboro	814.17
18. Eupora	810.64
19. Decatur	809.38
20. Macon	796.76
21. Petal Harvey	793.99
22. Lena	793.62
23. Mars Hill	783.75
24. Coffeeville	780.33
25. Briar Hill	753.87
VII	
1. Merigold	753.52
2. Brandon	751.77
3. Byhalia	750.32
4. Utica	745.26
5. Hickory	738.75
6. Crystal Springs (Walthall)	724.92
7. Faifview	719.38
8. Union, (Pearl River)	697.42
9. Hattiesburg, Immanuel	690.33
10. Springfield	689.30
11. Stonewall	686.58
12. Berwick	684.79
13. Crosby	684.75
14. Noxapater	680.45
15. Clear Creek (Lafayette)	679.13
16. Meridian, 8th Avenue	662.72
17. Terry's Creek	658.66
18. Jackson, North Side	657.18
19. Carriere	645.65
20. Tutwiler	645.01
21. Mt. Olive (Miss.)	644.94
22. Summit	642.35
23. Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	641.94
24. Brooksville	639.34
25. Terry	637.86
VIII	
1. New Zion (Walthall)	621.57
2. Eden	619.54
3. Port Gibson	608.02
4. Antioch (Hinds-Warren)	600.85
5. Sherman	591.48
6. Goodman	589.00
7. Pelahatchie	581.20
8. Rosedale	579.38
9. Pearl Haven	577.67
10. Duncan	575.17

11. Van Winkle ----- 567.55
12. Tchula ----- 567.36
13. Kreole ----- 562.69
14. Money ----- 561.89
15. Sturgis ----- 558.00

16. Shuqualak ----- 558.00
17. Hernando ----- 555.86
18. Como ----- 553.90
19. East Moss Point ----- 553.26
20. Arcola ----- 539.78

21. Friendship (Pike) ----- 539.65
22. Kewanee ----- 538.11
23. Tuscola ----- 530.30
24. Calvary (Lawrence) ----- 527.39
25. New Hebron ----- 520.62

KNOW YOUR BIBLE
QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASSE
CONTRIBUTED BY THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD QUARTERLY

1. In Jesus' time, the "widow of Nain" is mentioned in Luke 7:11. How many times is the little city of Nain mentioned in the Bible? * * *

2. Can you describe "the king's mowings" as found in the book of Amos, chapter 7:1? * * *

3. Where were the first disciples of Christ called Christians. Can you name the chapter and the name of the city? * * *

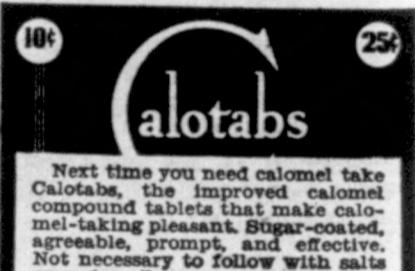
4. In Genesis 14:18, reference is made to a person, called the "king of Salem." Who was this person, and why was the place called Salem? (Correct answer on Page 15)

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Sunday School Department

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More Standards

We continue to receive applications for standard units. We are always grateful for these because of what they represent in definite planning and work on the part of those who lead. We are glad to give below the recent classes, departments, and schools that have become standard.

Classes

Intermediate: Queen Esther, Hattiesburg-Fifth Avenue, Mrs. V. S. West; Sunshine Scatterers, Hattiesburg-Fifth Avenue, Mrs. W. A. Moody; Rainbow Girls, Clinton, Miss Eleanor V. Crone; Conquerors, Clinton, Miss Mary Opal Crone; Rainbow Girls, Quitman, Miss Evelyn Moore; Hy Shi Ny, Picayune-First, Miss Nannie Watts; Victors, Picayune-First, Mrs. Claude Hamilton; Life Savers, Picayune-First, J. J. Smith; Steadfast, Jackson-Griffith Memorial, Mrs. L. W. Ferrell; Eagles, Jackson-Griffith Memorial, B. C. Campbell; Dependables, Jackson-Griffith Memorial, Mrs. W. I. Barron; Always Ready, Jackson-Griffith Memorial, Mrs. J. H. Hanna; Sunshine Scatterers, Calvary-Tupelo, Mrs. Rex I. Reed; Daughters of Ruth, Calvary-Tupelo, Miss Bernice Popper; True Trusted Tried, Calvary-Tupelo, J. M. Thomas.

Young People: Junior Fidelis, Meridian-First, Miss Vashti Ishee, teacher; Glad Girls, Meridian-Highland, Mrs. R. P. Bailey, Sr., teacher.

Adult: Phebean, Brookhaven, Mrs. J. B. West, teacher; T. E. L., Jackson-Calvary, Mrs. J. K. Graves, teacher; Brotherhood, Philadelphia, J. E. Jolly, teacher; Sunshine, Calvary-Jackson, Mrs. A. A. Duncan, teacher.

Departments

The Intermediate department, Calvary-Tupelo, Mrs. Earl Bowen, superintendent, and the Adult department, Philadelphia, Mrs. V. C. Moss, superintendent, have also joined our standard group.

Schools

Goodyear, Rev. J. D. Griffin, pastor, M. E. Brooks, superintendent; West Laurel, Rev. R. L. Orr, pastor, Horace Headrick, superintendent; Morgan City, Rev. C. J. Olander, pastor, S. A. Thompson, superintendent; Tuscola, Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor, R. B. McDonald, superintendent; Meridian-First, Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor, R. H. Phillips, superintendent.

To one and all of the teachers and officers of these schools, departments and classes, we express our sincere thanks for the excellent work they have done in achieving this high plane of efficiency. To reach a standard requires certain definite things that are always helpful to the unit doing it.

With the coming of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church of Meridian to the standard group, that gives us already for this year two of our largest schools in the state, the other being that of Calvary-Jackson. As a rule, it is more difficult for a large school to reach the standard than for a small one. For this reason we are especially glad to have these two large schools on our standard list along with the numbers of others. We feel that if these two large schools can reach the standard that others with much smaller membership can do likewise.

Cradle Roll Day

We have just received from the Sunday School Board a copy of the new Cradle Roll Day program, entitled "Unto the Least of These." It is attractive in appearance and excellent in content. To say that it was prepared by Mrs. Myrtle R. Creasman is just another way of saying that it is a great program.

We hope your school will observe Cradle Roll Day. The Sunday School Board is mailing a copy of this program to all associational Cradle Roll superintendents and to superintendents of standard departments, registered departments, and newly organized departments.

If you need other copies, write Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Vacation Schools

And don't forget that now is the time to make your plans for your Vacation Bible school. These schools will be held during the next five months—the vacation time of this year. The earlier the plans are made, the better will be the school.

We have the free packages of promotional literature in the Jackson office and will be glad to mail them on request. The 1943 books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. The 1943 textbooks series is Beginner B, Primary C, Junior B, Intermediate B.

Just because we are at war is no reason to let up on every good part of our church programs that can be carried on. The Vacation Bible school is one phase of the work that we can still promote. The boys and girls are with us and will enjoy the schools this year as much as ever. It is true that workers are busier in many instances than formerly, but a church can still plan for the largest Vacation school possible with the workers available. Let's not omit it entirely simply because we cannot have it just as we would prefer.

April Training

April is the spring month for Sunday school training. The special emphasis this month is on the diploma books and the books on Stewardship and Missions. Plan for a great training week in April.

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Powerful Catholic influences in the United States are bent on closing South America to Protestant missions. The claim is that Latin America is Catholic and that Protestants should be kept out. They would be horrified if the suggestion was made that the United States is Protestant and that Catholics should stay out. Catholics always make one-way rules.

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Endow a professorship at Blue Mountain.

CHURCH GROUPS DIFFER ON BINGO AT LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Albany, N. Y.—Clashes of opinion among representatives of religious, fraternal and veterans' organizations marked hearings here before the joint legislative codes committee on bills to legalize bingo games.

Protestant church forces, headed by the State Council of Churches, generally opposed the measures, while some representatives of Roman Catholic organizations favored the bills, as did spokesmen for the fraternal and veterans' organizations, which, like church groups, would be permitted to sponsor bingo under conditions stipulated in the pending bills.

The principal arguments used in support of the bills was that bingo supplied large amounts for charities, provided innocent pleasure for thousands of middle-aged and elderly men and women and was an aid to morale. The action of Mayor La Guardia in banning bingo games in New York City was sharply

assailed. Since the La Guardia order, the Rev. John D. Bell of Brooklyn, Catholic chaplain of the Sons of the American Legion, declared: "Our charities have bogged down."

Protestant spokesmen argued that bingo is strictly a game of chance and because it comes under the laws governing gambling, local officers are empowered to prohibit it. The New York State Council of Churches, it was pointed out, had particularly objected to the inclusion of church organizations among "promise" the church in its fight against those who could legally sponsor bingo, holding that this would hopelessly "com-gambling.

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Columbus, Ohio (RNS).—The Ohio legislature voted down a bill to amend the state's medical laws to permit Christian Science practitioners and others to charge fees for "ministering to human ills through prayer or spiritual means."

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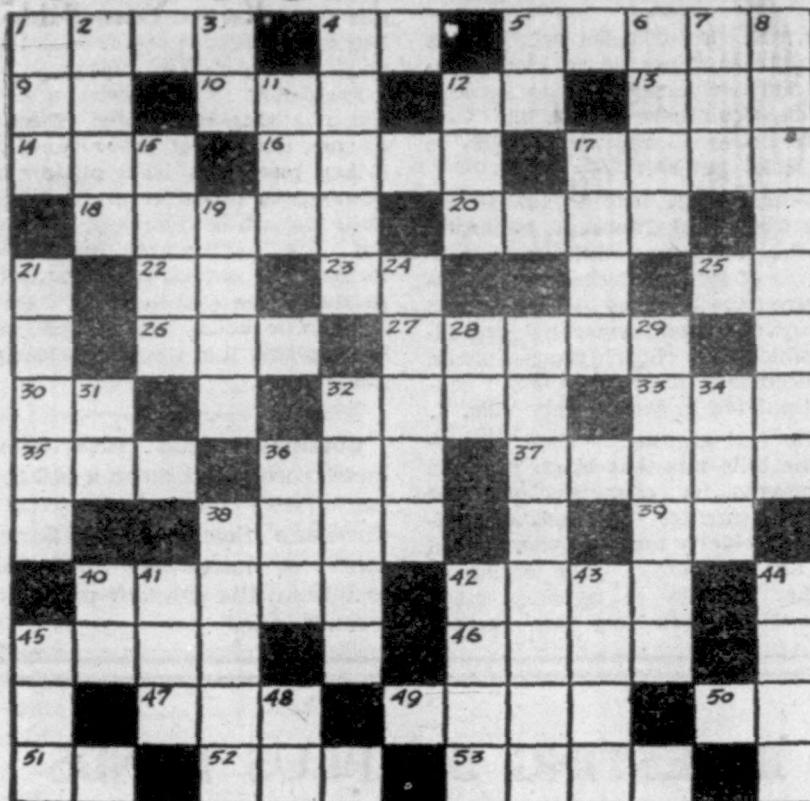
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"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth."—John 16:13.

TRUTH

Across

- 1 "... witness unto the truth," John 18:37.
- 4 "all his works are done ... truth," Ps. 33:4.
- 5 "execute the judgment of truth and ..." Zech. 8:16.
- 9 Yea.
- 10 "Mercy ... truth are met together," Ps. 85:10.
- 12 "tell you the truth, ... believe me not," John 8:45.
- 13 "let us ... with patience," Heb. 12:1.
- 14 "put a ... spirit within you," Ezek. 11:19.
- 16 Tittle.
- 17 "thy ... is truth," John 17:17.
- 18 "Truth ... spring out of the earth," Ps. 85:11.
- 20 "I ... it is so of a truth," Job 9:2.
- 22 "but ... it is in truth, the word of God," I Thes. 2:13.
- 23 Sunday school.
- 25 "whether in pretence, ... in truth," Phil. 1:18.
- 26 "and thy truth unto ... clouds," Ps. 57:10.
- 27 "a God of ..." Deut. 32:4.
- 30 Combining form indicating relation to an early period of time.
- 32 "thou hast ... me, and tried my heart," Jer. 12:3.
- 33 Grain.
- 35 "send forth his mercy ... his truth," Ps. 57:3.
- 36 "be sanctified through ... truth," John 17:19.
- 37 "I am the way, the ... and the life," John 14:6.
- 38 "of the truth ... eth my voice," John 18:37.
- 39 Compass point.
- 40 "mercy and truth ... go before," Ps. 89:14.
- 42 "... me to understand," Ps. 119:27.
- 45 "... not the sayings of," Rev. 22:10.
- 46 Poems.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



Young father: "Pastor, in your sermon this morning, you spoke of a baby's being a new wave on the ocean of life."

Minister: "That's right."

Young father: "Don't you think it would have been nearer the truth to have said he is a 'fresh squall'?"—San Jester.

R. I. CHURCH COUNCIL PROTESTS
OPENING OF RACE TRACKS
By Religious News Service

WOMAN'S RELIGIOUS GROUP
ELECTS AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Providence, R. I.—The Rhode Island Council of Churches, has protested vigorously against the opening of race tracks, in a letter to Governor J. Howard McGrath.

The statement also scored opening of branch offices for the promotion of betting, gambling being associated, according to the letter, with bad community influences.

"Truly it seems out of place," the protest stated, "when so many of our young men are living in deserts and jungles; sleeping in fox-holes and flying through anti-aircraft fire; watching night and day for periscopes on the high seas, and fighting bugs and malaria as well as human enemies.

"There is increasing evidence that we must continue to conserve rubber and gasoline and rail equipment for a long time to come if the sinews of war are to be provided for our fighting men. Only the most diligent labors will avert drastic regimentation of manpower to keep the production lines and the farms on a high level of output this year. It is our considered judgment that horse racing can make no contribution to any of these national needs."

(Editor's Note: More people will attend, more gas and tires will be used and more hotel space will be required for the race tracks than for the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention has been deferred.)

Clinton, March 26—Selections for the Women's Religious Council at Mississippi College for the coming year have been completed. The new council will coordinate its work with that of the Men's Religious Council to direct the Baptist Student Union activities on the campus.

Anise McDaniel, Clinton, present Training Union representative, was elected president of the group. Miss McDaniel, who transferred to Mississippi College in her sophomore year from Blue Mountain College, has been outstanding in all phases of B. S. U. work since her entrance here. She will succeed Ruth Cole of Bogue Chitto who is graduating this session.

Other officers and their respective positions are: Cana McKee, Batesville, enlistment chairman; Flora Finch, McComb, social chairman; Sue Valentine, Laurel, Pauline Armstrong, New Hebron, and Sara Neely, Charles-ton, devotional directors; Annette McDaniel, Clinton, treasurer; Joy Young, Clinton, secretary; Louise Pickens, Y. W. A. representative; Ruth Lee Williams, Centreville, B. T. U. director; Elizabeth Cole, Sunday school superintendent; Louise Hart-zog, Nehebron, Baptist Student representative; Rosalee Hayden, Vaughn, non-Baptist representative; Bobbie Lou Walden, Prentiss, music director; and Billie Ryle, Boyle, reporter.

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Pray for the Blue Mountain Endowment campaign.

OUR GREAT NEED TODAY

By

LAWSON H. COOKE

The greatest need in the world today is the mobilization of the spiritual resources residing in the men of Christian churches. Nothing is more vital; nothing more essential to the restoration of peace and prosperity throughout the world, and to the preservation of the institutions which we hold so dear, as that Christian men shall throw the full strength of their Christianity across the pathway of the devastating forces of evil which are sweeping across the earth. Never has there been a time when God needed men as He needs men today.

Our Christian churches are the only institutions in and through which such a spiritual mobilization can be had. If a man wants his religion to find its maximum expression in his own life, in the community, and throughout the world, he must cast his lot with some Christian church. Likewise, if a church is to reach its maximum Christian effectiveness, it must mobilize the full spiritual strength of the men within its membership.

In so far as Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches are concerned, we are a long way from having brought about this spiritual mobilization. Seventy-five out of each one hundred men in the average church evidence no particular interest in the church or in anything the church is doing. Not twenty-five per cent of the men of Southern Baptist churches attend even the Sunday morning preaching service. Perhaps, not half that many attend the Sunday night preaching service, and the number attending the midweek prayer service is negligible.

The Brotherhood Movement is one feature—the only feature—of our entire denominational program which deals exclusively with men for the exclusive purpose of enlisting men in the whole program of their church, and of the denomination.

Then: If the greatest need is the mobilization of Christian man power; and if this can be done only in and through our Christian churches; and if we are a long way from having done it as Southern Baptists and as Southern Baptist churches; and if the Brotherhood is our one denominational agency organized for this specific task; the obvious and inevitable conclusion is: WHY NOT A BROTHERHOOD IN EVERY CHURCH IN MISSISSIPPI?

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These five Blue Mountain College girls visited their Alma Mater to see the college glee club's presentation of "H. M. S. Pinafore": Mrs. S. E. Izard, New Hebron (seated), graduated from the college, as did Miss Fannie May Izard (left), Jackson; and Mrs. J. H. Hough, Columbia, standing next to her. Third from left is Miss Jessie Vee Izard, New Hebron. At extreme right is Miss Miriam Izard, who will graduate from Blue Mountain in the spring, and who played one of the leading roles in the operetta.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Spring Creek (Neshoba)	73	53
Bethlehem (Jones)	60	36
West End-West Point	60	47
Enon (Panola)	76	61
Bear Creek	76	
Cross Roads	47	
Louisville First	368	119
New Fellowship (Jasper)	67	
Hernando	84	42
New Albany First	583	187
Yazoo City First	247	
Crystal Springs First	359	136
Horseshoe	62	73
Olive Branch	70	45
Old Town	131	40
Wallerville	74	57
Jackson First	971	
Hazlehurst	201	
March 28		
West End-West Point	56	39
West Point First	427	149
Bethlehem (Jones)	90	51
Hazlehurst	222	
Cross Roads (Webster)	99	
Antioch (Jones)	39	25

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THE BAPTIST RECORD

FAITH—KNOWLEDGE—FUTURE

Five of the most cogent reasons for a prospective college student's attending a Christian college arise from the very nature of the young person of college age.

To begin with, the normal young person of college age is highly sensitive to his surroundings and wishes to conform to the customs of his associates. He does not wish to be conspicuous by his failure to be like those around him. Hence, if he attends a college where the custom of church attendance prevails, it is easy for him to continue his own church attendance, if he already has the habit, or to acquire the habit if he does not already have it. What is true of the student's practice regarding church attendance is also true of his practice regarding other vital interests of the Christian life. If he enters a college where the whole pattern of living is Christian, his conformity to such a pattern is easy.

Again, the young person of college age normally is inquisitive and critical. He is tempted to view with sophistication the simple faith of his elders. As new knowledge unfolds to him new complexities of life, he finds the old answers to his questions not wholly adequate, and doubts arise. The problem of adjusting his faith and his knowledge is a serious one, and there is no time in all the world when he needs the guidance of devout, scholarly Christian teachers as much as he needs it then.

The young person of college age needs frequent opportunity for reflection. He needs to analyze himself and his interests, and he cannot make a careful analysis without frequent withdrawals from the confusion of the crowd to inspect his own mind. It is quite possible that the extent to which one enjoys solitude indicates his mental power, for it points the degree to which his own inner resources may keep him interested. There is no better retreat for self-reflection and for contemplation of life's deepest problems than the campus of a Christian college—a place hallowed by generations of men and women who have had visions of service and who have gone forth to make the experience real.

A fourth quality of the young person of college age is his heroism. He is idealistic and is ready to give himself to a great cause. It is a commonplace to observe that the great ideologies of the world today have become great largely because of the impulse given to them by youth. The Christian college can give its young men and women a vision of the great moral and spiritual needs of the world and can inspire them with an eagerness to spend their lives satisfying those needs.

Finally, the young person of college age is ready to think on a vocation for life. There is no better place for him to reach a decision than under the instruction of a Christian teacher and under the influence of Christian associates.

These observations by Dean Ernest H. Cox of Blue Mountain College present impelling reasons for remembering Blue Mountain in June when the fifteen hundred Baptist churches in Mississippi are asked to make an offering to the endowment fund of the college.



REV. A. S. JOHNSTON

DAVIS MEMORIAL PASTOR BEGINS SIXTH YEAR

Davis Memorial church in Jackson celebrated the beginning of the sixth year of Pastor A. S. Johnston's service on April 4 with appropriate exercises attended by excellent crowds. One of the highlights of the day came when Pastor Johnston spoke on the evangelistic efforts of the church during the past five years, in which 257 members have been baptized. Also 336 members have been added by letter. An interesting feature of the hour came when members stood who were present when the pastorate began, then the ones who have joined during this period were recognized, with the count being practically equal. Pastor Johnston has spoken 1531 times during these years.

Liberal offerings were received during the day with a special building fund amounting to \$431.50, out of the total of \$556.50. Treasurer R. L. Hudson compared the financial growth of the church for the five-year period, showing \$6,595.61 last year to be an increase of 28% over the first year of Pastor Johnston's leadership. A grand total of \$28,481.94 has been given.

A review of the building fund's growth to \$7,300 was made by W. J. Purvis, whose vision and foresight led to such a separate fund, beginning with \$5 given by a deacon in November 1938. Much rejoicing resulted over the success of this fund. The church on each anniversary of the pastor makes offerings for this object.

Joe Haigler, choir leader, provided excellent music for the day, and a spirit of fellowship prevailed. Friends congratulated pastor and people on their accomplishments.

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Providence, R. I. (RNS)—Community-wide weekday religious education, on released time from public schools, has been officially endorsed by the Rhode Island Council of Churches. A committee has been empowered to gather information from all sources as to how to put the program into actual operation in the schools.

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Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. ("City of Nain"): There is only one mention of the city of "Nain." See Luke 7:11. This little city is today still called Nain.

2. ("The king's mowings"): They were certain proportions of hay or herbage received by the king as tribute, and were used in feeding the royal horses.

3. (Disciples first called Christians): You will find it in Acts 11:26. Name of the city is Antioch.

4. ("King of Salem"): The person referred to is Melchizedek, who is mentioned twice in the Old Testament. He was called "the righteous king." One scriptural writer says "this righteous king" (of Salem) built a city, former called Salem, and from this it appears that Salem is another name for Jerusalem. Note that the last five letters in Jerusalem spell "Salem." In Psalm 76:2 it mentions Zion and Salem which were no doubt alternative names for the same place.

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**BAPTIST LIBERTY: HOW THE EDITORS CAN
HELP SAFEGUARD IT**
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to church membership, there would be no spiritual overlords and no spiritual slaves.

This birth from above gives the only adequate sense-of the value of the soul. This gives individuality and the assurance of the independence of man. Man knows now that he is made in the image of God, or as Paul says, Ephesians 4:24: "A new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth."

This is the basis of personal accountability and the assurance that we are accountable to God alone. "Each one of us shall give account of himself to God." The New Testament keeps the emphasis on the individual. And the aim of the whole gospel, the whole of revelation, is to bring the individual to the likeness of God.

II.

We must also know what are the enemies of liberty. To my mind, these fall into two categories: a perverted selfish ambition on the one hand, and a multiform manifestation of laziness on the other. This second I put first. You may call it by many names, for it has many forms or manifestations. Call it indolence, inertia, indifference, sloth, love of superficial ease, dread of hardship, lack of courage, drowsiness, without ambition or sense of spiritual values, fleshly indulgence, flabbiness of soul. When men shirk responsibility, when they are willing to accept a state of dependency, when they surrender to the indulgence of the flesh, when they prefer sleep to the awakening of the mind, when they yield to the numbness of the soul, when they forget they are sons of God and are content to be earthworms, then the flower of freedom dies in the soul, and men become human chattels.

To some of us in America, it seems inconceivable that men accept any substitute for liberty, and are content to be owned and controlled by overlords. We marvel at the supineness of whole nations in Europe who accept the domination of local tyrants, or national despots, or would-be world dictators, with little or no protest or resistance.

And don't think that this condition is confined to the people in other continents. A young man who was half way through his college course left the Baptist ministry and became a Methodist minister because he said he would not have to stand on his own feet and find a pulpit on his own merits. And this is not a solitary case. Men accept the ministry of priests and prelates, because they are unwilling to face personal responsibility, but turn their cases over to ecclesiastical substitutes.

Lack of liberty is a lack of life. Without it all religion is reduced to a mechanical process. It is to such people that designing and selfish and ambitious people come with the offer to take all responsibility for you, perform all spiritual functions for you. A Roman Catholic recently wrote me that he didn't dare put his opinions and beliefs against those of the "church."

Ignorance is a great ally of laziness; indeed it may be called its twin brother, or Siamese twin. There are people who are "alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them." Ignorance becomes conscious inferiority. It is afraid of itself. It leans for support on others. It is also easily misled. Men blinded by ignorance are led by those blinded by selfish ambition; blind leading the blind.

This can happen among Baptists as well as among Catholics. Most of the trouble Baptists have in their denominational fellowship is due to masses who know little, and are misled by the demoniacal shrewdness of a man or men who capitalize on their ignorance to promote personal ambition. That's where a demon-possessed editor can threaten the whole household of faith.

All the enemies of liberty are enemies of the souls of men and enemies of the Christian religion. It is our business to be on our guard against them.

III.

And now how are our editors supposed to help maintain this spirit of, and devotion to, freedom?

We should say, that having found first of all what awakens and keeps alive in men the passion for liberty, they can best maintain or safeguard it by awakening the slumbering souls of men. They

THE PHYSICIAN TELLS THE ATHEIST
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shed in the brain of man. It is the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies. In it you will find a transient sunshine chased by a shadow as cold as an Arctic midnight, in which the breath of June grows icy and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding cry of the raven. Drink it and "you will have woe, sorrow, babbling, and wounds without cause." Your eyes shall behold strange women and your heart shall utter perverse things. Drink it deep and you shall hear the voices of demons shrieking, women wailing, and then, all orphaned, children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep and long serpents will hiss in your ears, coil themselves about your neck, and seize you with their fangs. "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." For 40 years this liquid death has been confined within staves of oak, harmless there as pure water. I send it to you that you may put an enemy in your mouth to steal your brains; and yet, I call myself your friend.

"BUCKLEY."

must, along with every other spiritual force and agency in the world, put men in vital personal touch with God.

If the flame of liberty is kindled on our altars, it must be by fire come down from heaven. It is only God who can fit them to live in freedom, to be worthy of freedom. Freedom cannot be imposed from without. If the shackles were struck today from the hands of Roman and Greek Catholic nations by some well meaning person or nation from without, the people would be back in slavery tomorrow. Freedom cannot be bestowed from without. It comes from God working in us to will and to do. A true democracy is possible only when there is a change of heart; when there is a subsoil of righteousness and an atmosphere of intelligence. Evangelism and missions are our chief weapons in the fight for liberty. Democracy is but partially established in any land, because the inward constraints are inadequate, and must be supported and supplemented by outward constraints. This has its applications in all our social, economic, political and religious problems. A Baptist church is the best exponent of religious liberty because it is based on the theory of spiritual regeneration, moral control, and appeal to reason and conscience.

But boasting is not in order for us if there is evidence anywhere that our devotion to, and practice of, democracy is slipping. There are those among us who are afraid that this is true, and now and then we are called upon to "view with alarm" rather than to "point with pride."

Is it possible that something like this has crept into hearts of Baptists?

Where is the old "Saturday meeting"? Where is the monthly business meeting of the church? It is not in my church; is it in yours? Why has it disappeared? There may be more than one reason for it, but I am persuaded from what pastors tell me, that they are afraid to trust the people, afraid of the New Testament democracy which is our birthright. The deacons' meeting substitutes for the church meeting, because the smaller group can be manipulated more easily than the larger one. Where is the old-time prayer meeting? Many pastors don't believe the church has enough religion to make a prayer meeting, and they may be correct in this.

All of us are familiar with the almost universal complaint that our conventions, both state and south-wide are run by a few people. The "functionaries" and the "platforms" are accused of being the whole show. We turn over to boards and committees matters that once were threshed out in the open. In Roman Catholic circles the "church" means the "clergy." Have we come over, or are we coming, to a similar situation?

What can editors do to correct or prevent these trends?

There are certain qualities needed here, which are absolutely indispensable if one is to fulfill his office. First, he must be absolutely honest. He must be willing to see the facts; he must not falter or run away in the presence of them. Then he must be courageous. He must be bold

A STUDY OF BAPTIST HOSPITALS
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entire United States in order of patients treated are: Mt. Carmel, in Detroit; Methodist, in Indianapolis; Southern Baptist, in New Orleans; St. Francis, in Hartford; and Baptist Memorial, in Memphis. In this are two Baptist, two Catholic and one Methodist.

In the several states of the South our Baptist Hospitals rank among the leaders. In Mississippi and Tennessee there is no privately-owned hospital that even approaches the Baptist in size or number of admissions. In Alabama only two non-government hospitals exceeded the Baptist in number of patients in 1942, and one of them was the great T. C. & I. industrial hospital at Fairfield. In Arkansas and Georgia only one; in North Carolina, two (one of them being Duke, a heavily-endowed institution); in Kentucky and Missouri, three in each state. In all the other states Baptist Hospitals rank among the first three or four in their respective states.

In the 19 Southern Baptist Hospitals reported in the Journal, no less than 121,986 persons were admitted and there were 14,589 births. The average daily census of those hospitals in 1942 was 2,924, which is to say, our Southern Baptist Hospitals last year gave 1,077,260 days of service. And that is no small matter of Christian activity. Surely the blessings of God have been upon this phase of ministry and it should be magnified among our people.

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**SOUTHERN SEMINARY CONFERENCE FEATURED
OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS**
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Light of Political Science." Dr. Fleming argued that if the post-war world is to be one of just and enduring peace, there must be intelligent planning by wise Christian statesmen who will avoid the tragic errors which lost the peace following World War I.

The conference preacher was Dr. Charles W. Daniels, president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Daniels is known throughout the South as a notable preacher and pastor. He paid tribute to the Seminary for the greatness of its work. He also gave high praise to President Ellis A. Fuller for his high ideals of scholarship and thoroughly practical emphasis on policies and principles geared to meet the unusual needs of today's rapidly changing world.

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"Happy" Enette, little son of Missionary W. W. Enette, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who has been ill of a tropical disease in the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, since last October, is now improving. This will be good news to the many friends of the Enettes; for "Happy's" case has baffled many doctors in several hospitals.—Louis J. Bristow, superintendent.

in telling the world what he sees. Isaiah summons all the devouring beasts to come and help themselves against an unprotected flock. He says, "His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs; they cannot bark." A dog that can't bark is of no use at all. A dog that tucks his tail between his legs and hides when danger appears is not as good as a pussy cat.

Another thing an editor must have is knowledge. He must see farther and recognize approaching events and be able to interpret them for people who look to him for warning and guidance.

From what has been said it is clear that our editors must be seers; they must be trumpeters; they must have a world outlook; they must particularly know what are the trends in our own denomination. They must be spokesmen for God. They dare not drift with the tide.

That does not mean that he is to be a carping critic. It does mean that he is to rebuke, exhort, admonish with all long suffering. The weapons of our warfare, thank God, are not carnal; we do not war after the flesh. Our weapons are spiritual and are mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds. They are the same as those used by Isaiah and Jeremiah and Daniel, and John and Peter and Paul. It is yours to speak and hold not your peace.